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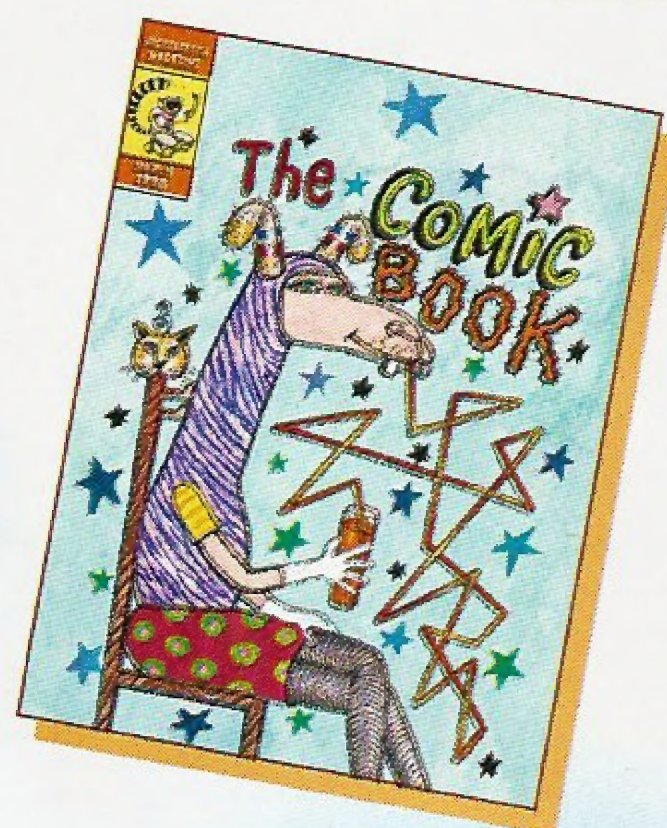
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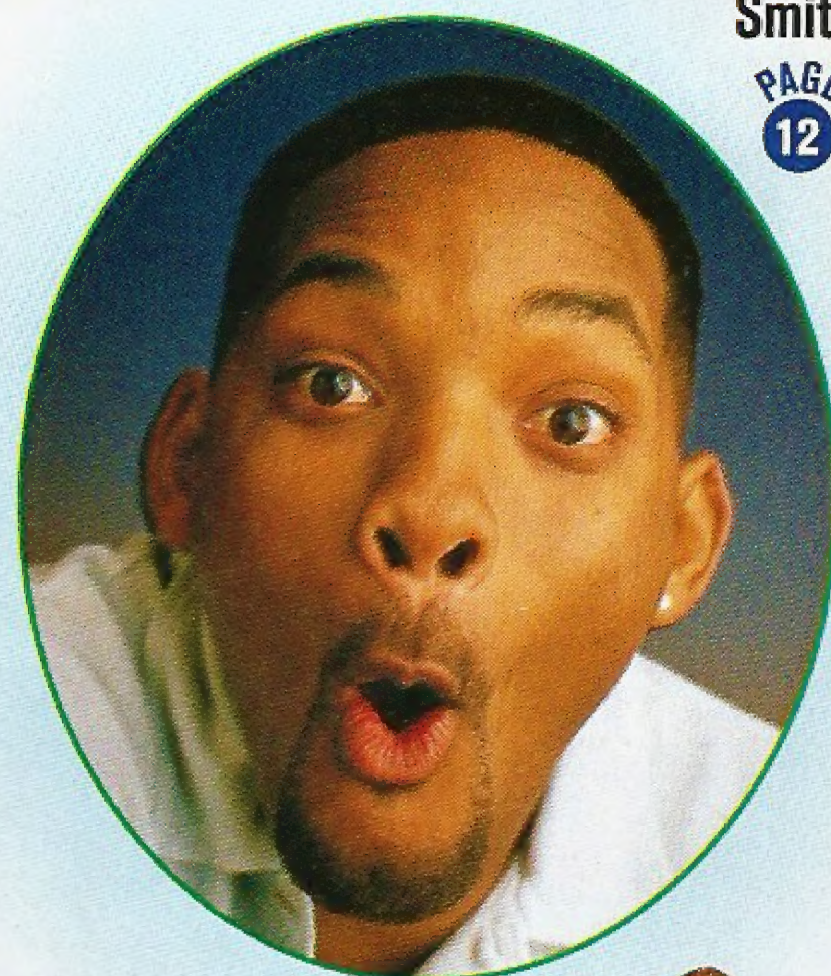
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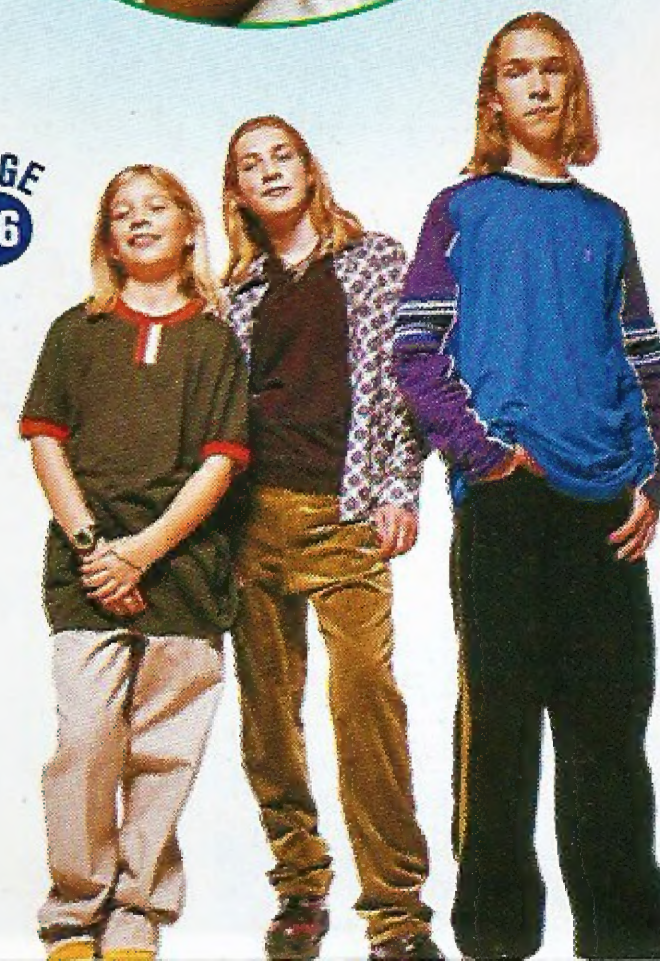


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James M., age 10
Beavercreek, Ohio

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Dear Nick Mag,

How many people work for Nick Mag?

Sarah F., age 9
Scarborough, Maine

Dear Sarah,

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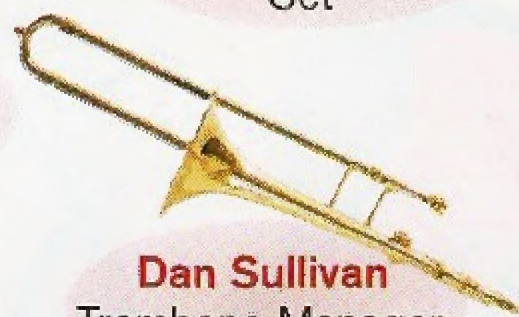
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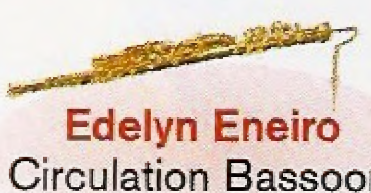
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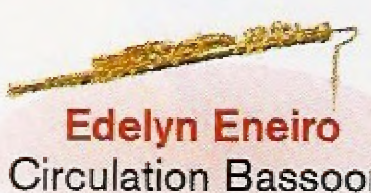
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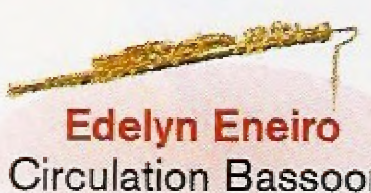
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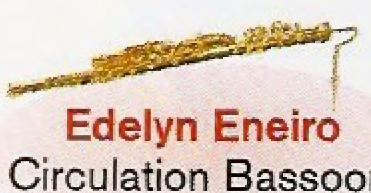
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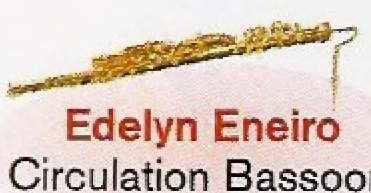
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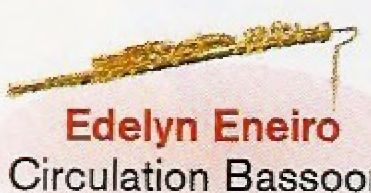
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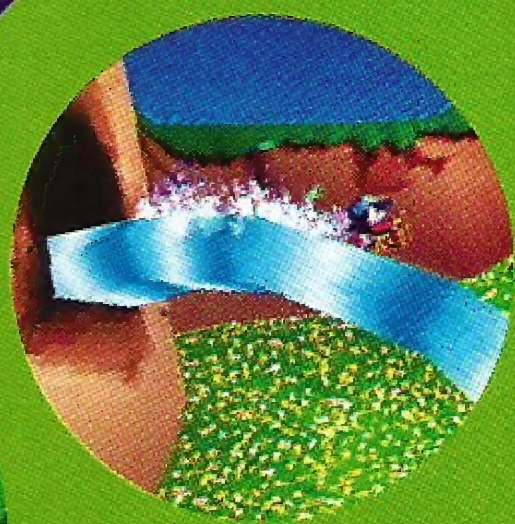
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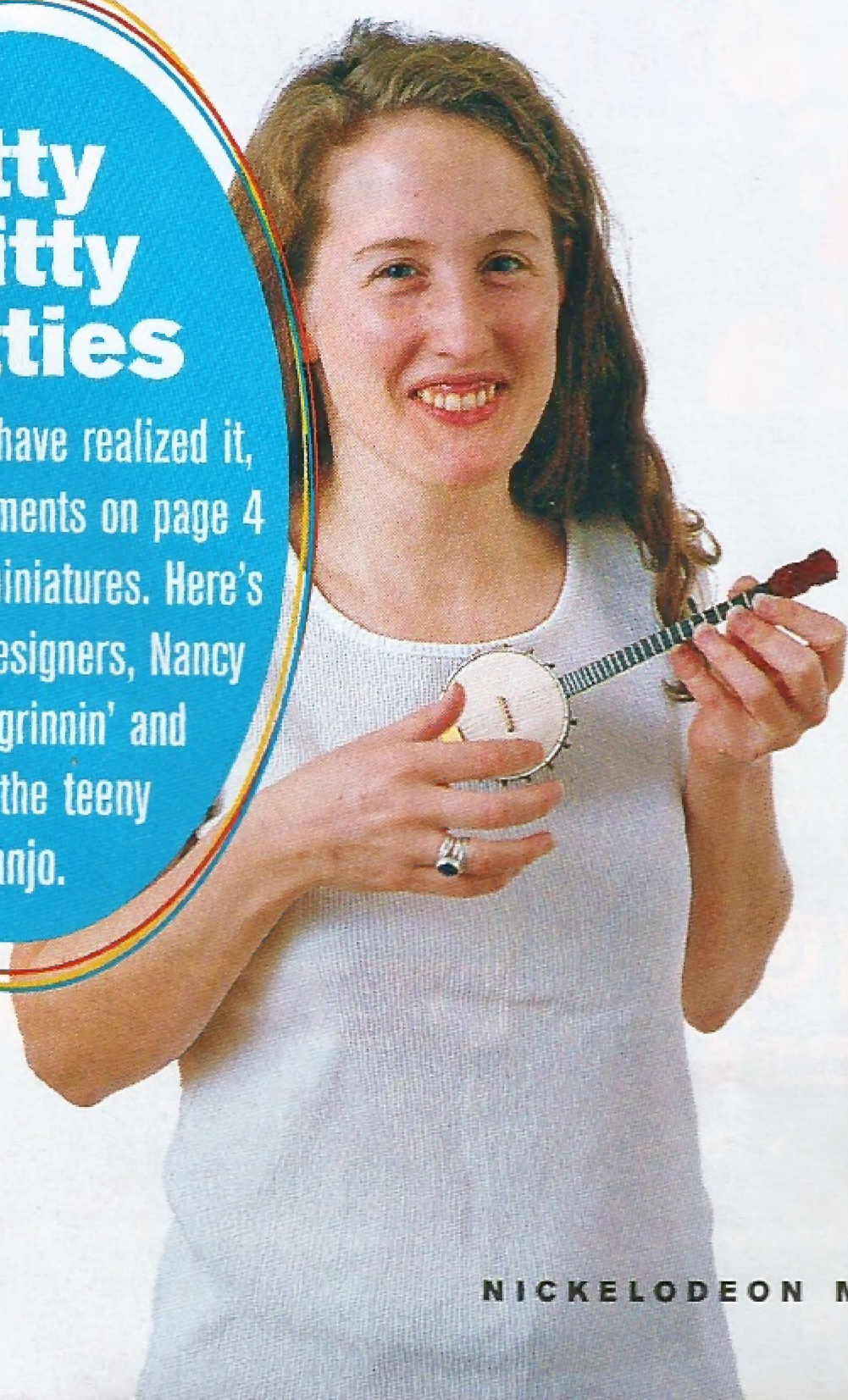


The tops of our musical pages are singing their own tunes this issue. Can you figure out what two songs they are? Hint: They are the first lines of two of the tunes in "More Annoying Songs" on page 10.

Answers on page 64.

Itty Bitty Ditties

You may not have realized it, but the instruments on page 4 are actually miniatures. Here's one of our designers, Nancy Leonard, grinnin' and pickin' the teeny banjo.



Duffy's First Issue

We'd like to welcome the newest member of our staff: Peter Clements Duffy, born December 9, 1997, and shown here with proud papa (and editor) Chris Duffy. May the Force be with him.



That baby is rockin'.

Lessen Your Lessons

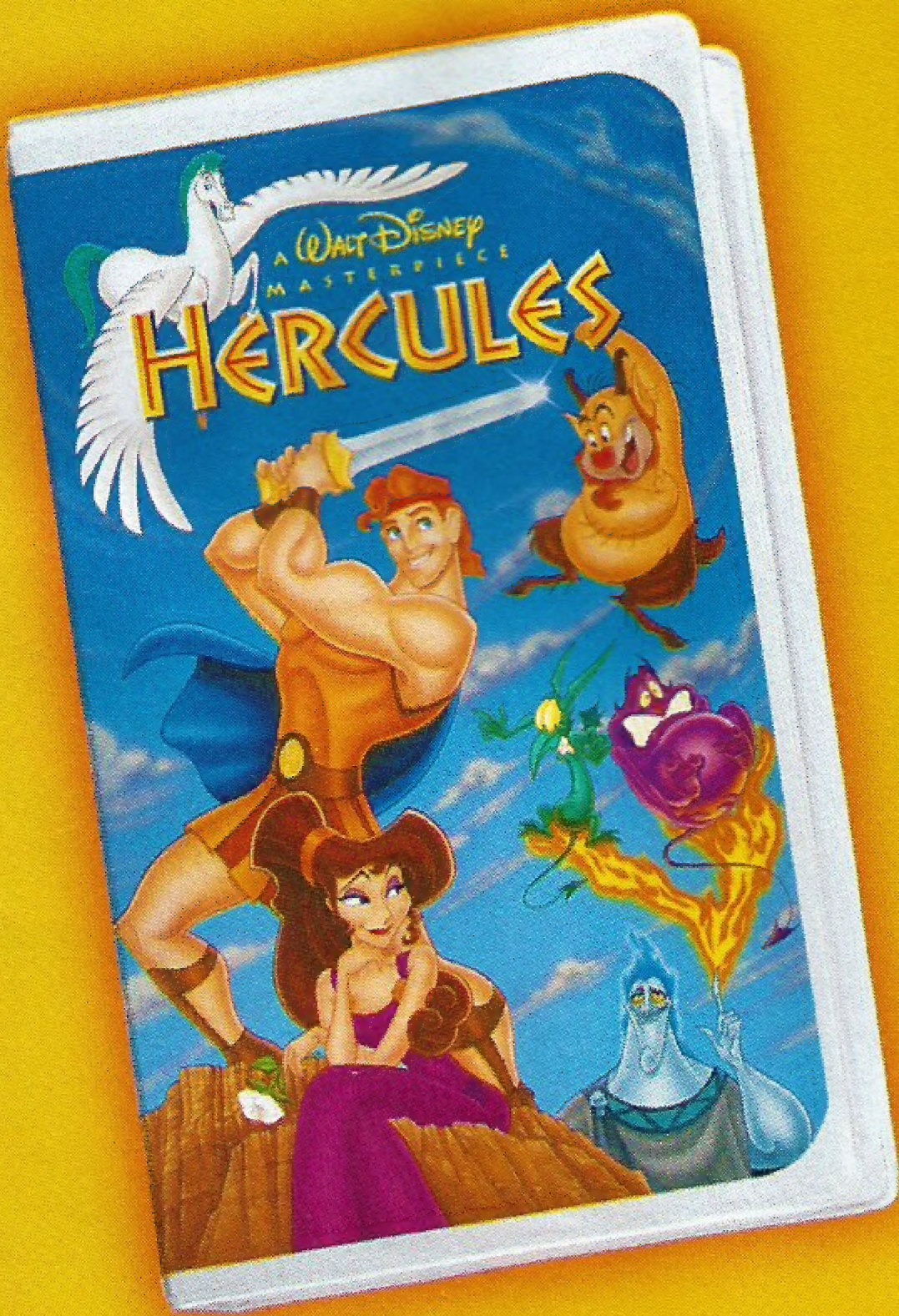
Try these lines to get out of music practice.

- * I have a sprained ear.
- * But I just practiced yesterday!
- * Sorry, I don't remember where I left my key of C.
- * My music stand sat down.
- * My spit valve is full.
- * I already sang in the shower.
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- * I'm practicing right now—in my head!



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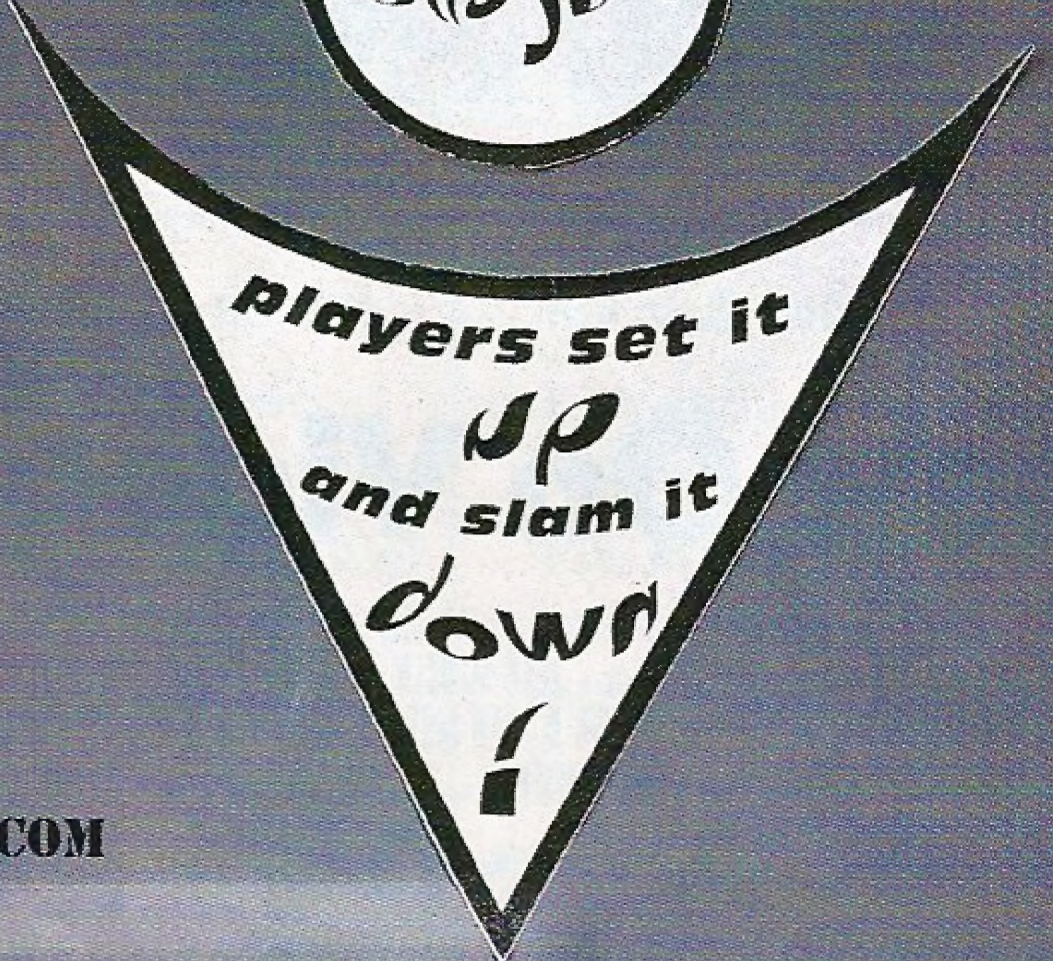
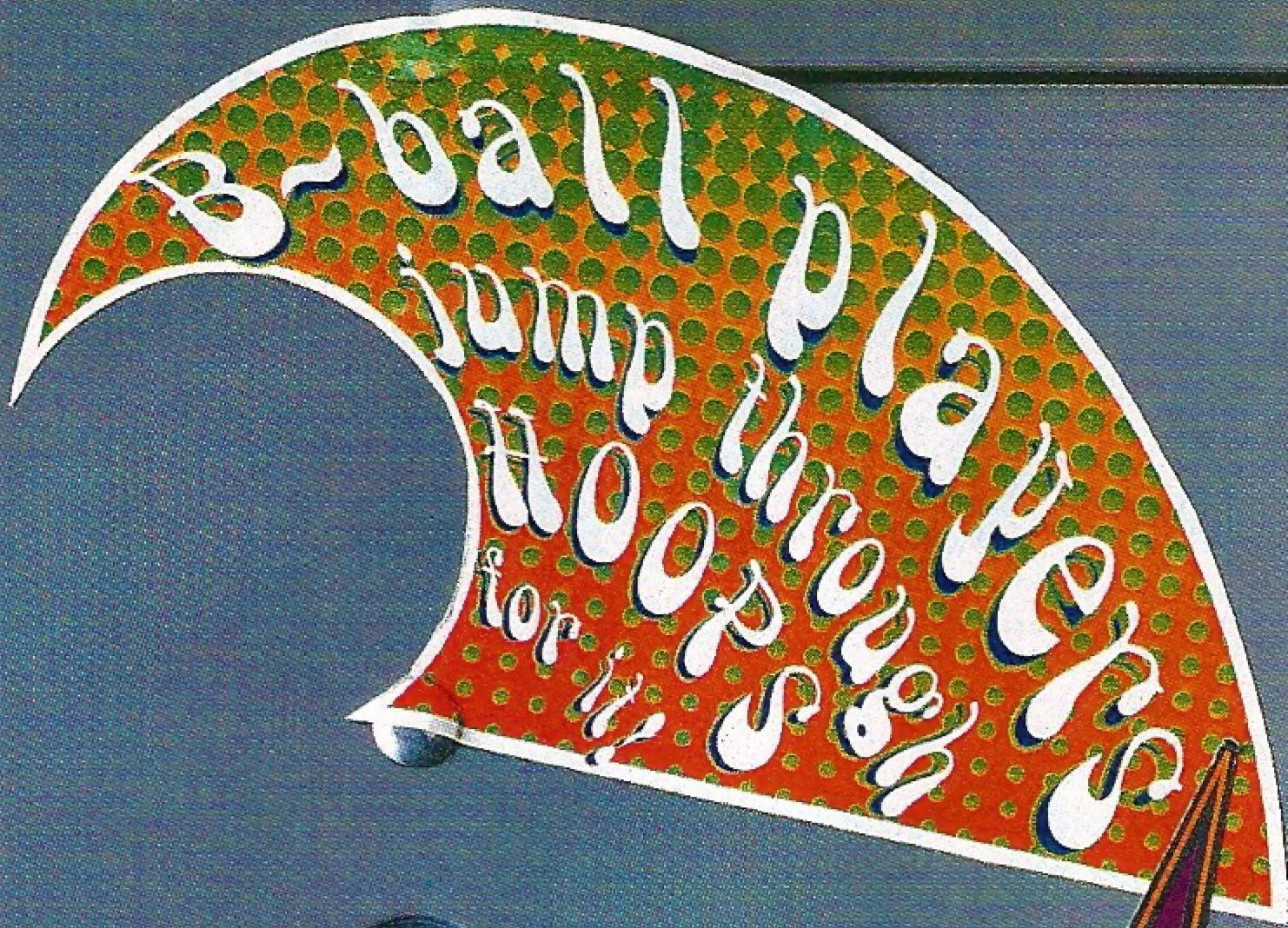


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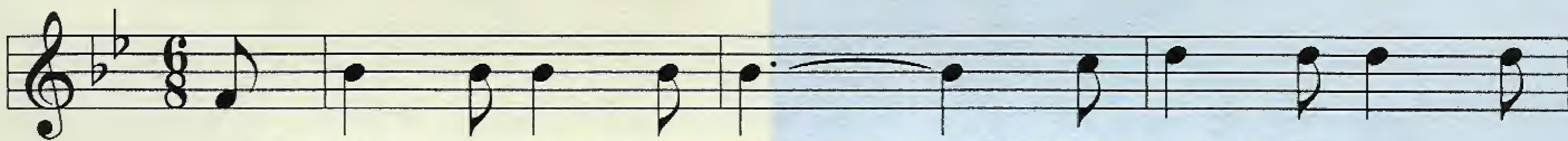
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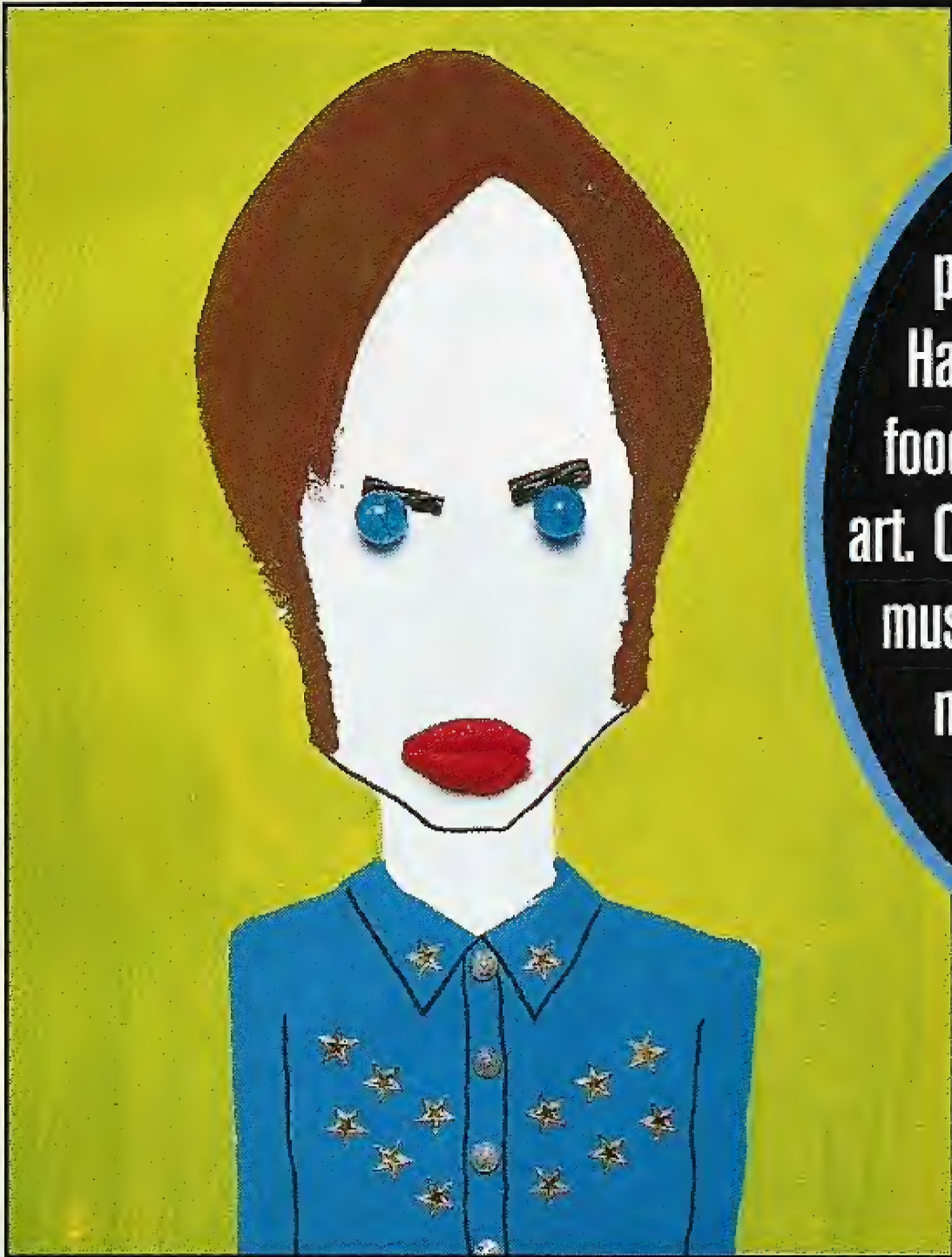
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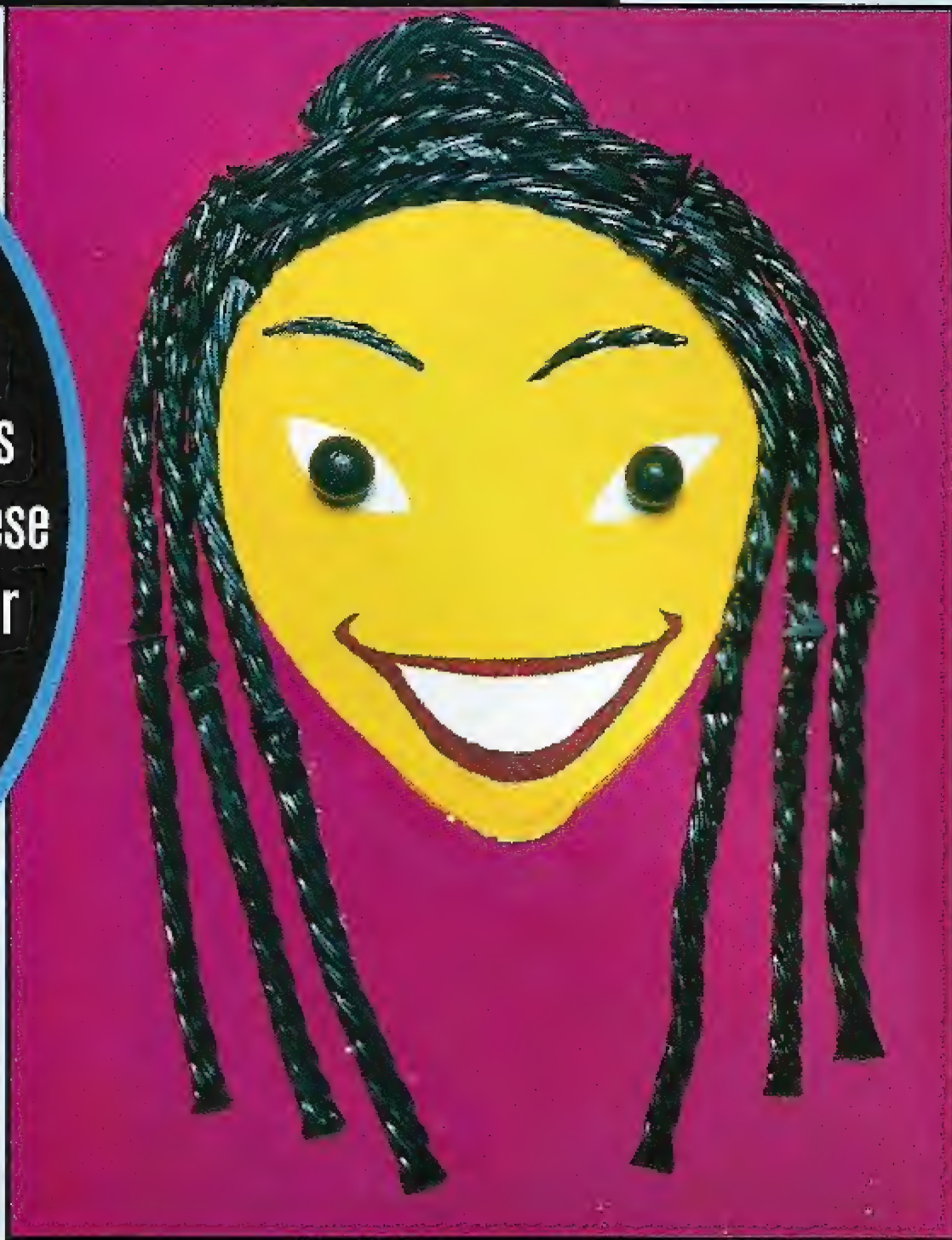
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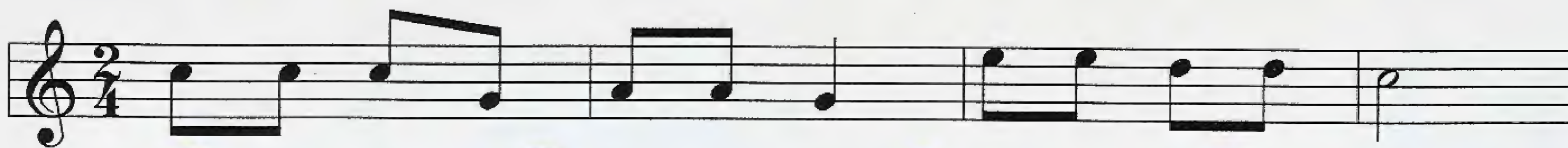


These four portraits are by artist Hanoch Piven, who uses food and other stuff in his art. Can you guess who these musicians are? Write their names on the blanks. Answers on page 64.



These portraits are sweet.





More Annoying Songs

(SING TO THE TUNE OF "I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THE RAILROAD.")

I've been working on the trumpet
Each day after school.
I've been working on the trumpet,
But my friends don't think it's cool.
Can't you hear my trumpet blowing?
Sounds like a sheep that's being shorn.
Can't you hear my mother crowing:
"Please, don't blow your horn!"

(SING TO THE TUNE OF
"THREE BLIND MICE.")

Three dumb notes.
Three dumb notes.
That's all I know.
That's all I know.
Three dumb notes are all that I know.
I'd like to learn more, but I haven't done so.
The recital's next week and I don't want to go
Play my three dumb notes.

E, D, C.
E, D, C.
How 'bout a B?
How 'bout a G?
E, D, C, but never a B.
I can only play songs that don't contain G.
A-flat is out of the question for me.
Only E, D, C.

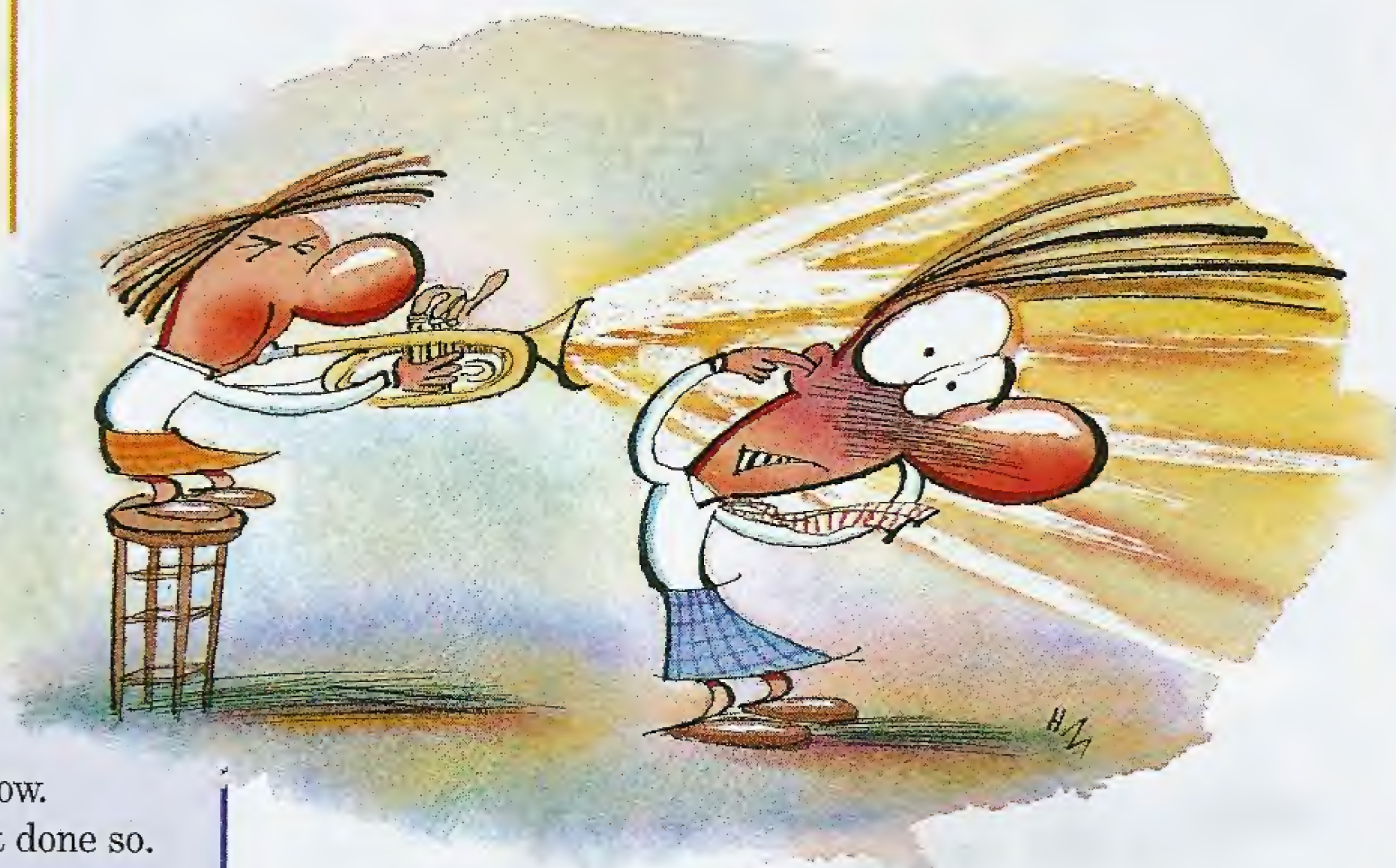
(SING TO THE TUNE OF
"THE FARMER IN THE DELL.")

My reed really smells.
My reed really smells.
It's full of stinky spit.
My reed really smells.

My spit valve is full.
My spit valve is full.
It's full of stinky spit.
My spit valve is full.

[Repeat until you run out of spit.]

Here are some loony lyrics to sing when
you're feeling flat or sharp.



Your playing really
blows me away.



(SING TO THE TUNE OF "OLD MACDONALD HAD A FARM.")

Tommy had his Walkman on, R-A-D-I-O,
And on his Walkman he heard rock, R-A-D-I-O.
With a guitar lick here and a guitar lick there,
Here a lick, there a lick, everywhere a lick lick,
Tommy had his Walkman on, R-A-D-I-O.

Tommy had his Walkman on, R-A-D-I-O,
And on his Walkman he heard rap, R-A-D-I-O.
With a sample here and a drumbeat there,
Here a boom, there a boom, everywhere a boom boom,
Tommy had his Walkman on, R-A-D-I-O.

Tommy had his Walkman on, R-A-D-I-O,
And on his Walkman he heard country, R-A-D-I-O.
With a banjo here and a fiddle there,
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[Repeat with whatever type of music strikes your fancy.]



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You probably know Will Smith as an actor. He starred in TV's *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* and the movies *Independence Day* and *Men in Black*, among others. But Will first became famous as half of the rap duo DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince. Now Will has gone back to being a hit rapper with the song "Men in Black" and his solo album, *Big Willie Style*. **Becky Burcham** spoke to Will about his many talented ways.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:
What does "big willie style" mean?
WILL SMITH: When you say someone is a willie, it means they're at the top of whatever they do. Michael Jordan is a big willie in basketball. Donald Trump is a big willie in business. I consider myself a big willie in the world of rap. And it kind of works out, because my name is Willie.

Were you a big willie when you were a kid?
I was a medium willie.

What were you like when you were twelve years old?

I've always been silly, but that year was my silliest. I always got in trouble in school for talking, and I was a practical joker. I was definitely the class clown.

What kind of music did you listen to then?

I started listening to rap records in the summer after seventh grade. That's when I bought one of my first rap records, "Rapper's Delight" by the Sugar Hill Gang.

Did you ever argue with your parents about the music you listened to?

Everyone in my family enjoys music, so there was always a lot of music around the house. But my parents

made the decisions. If they didn't want me to listen to something, then it didn't happen.

Did you sing when you were a kid?
Not well. My voice is definitely not a singing voice. Rap music came along at a perfect time for me.

How did you become a musician?
I started off as a DJ. My parents bought me turntables and drove me to parties and church functions, so I could deejay. I began rapping as a hobby, and it grew into a career.

And now, do you prefer rapping or acting?

I like to do both, at different times. I enjoy working on movies more in the fall and winter. The spring and summer are more like music times



Will played Tea Cake in *Made in America*, with Whoopi Goldberg and Ted Danson....



...fought alien invaders (as Captain Hiller) with Jeff Goldblum in *Independence Day*....



...and became Agent J, partner of Agent K (Tommy Lee Jones), in *Men in Black*.





WILLIE'S STYLE

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Six feet, two inches

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FAVORITE BASKETBALL TEAMS:

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FAVORITE BASKETBALL PLAYER:

Charles Barkley

FAVORITE MUSIC:

"I enjoy all different types, but I prefer dance music."

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"A big, thick, double fudge brownie with vanilla ice cream, whipped cream, nuts, and a cherry."

to me. It's a great time to be out doing concerts.

What does your son think of your movies?

He's five, so it's not really a big deal to him. He loved *Men in Black*, though. He has the *MIB* pajamas, lunchbox, sunglasses—he has the whole deal.

Did you get to keep your *Men in Black* suit?

I gave the suit to Planet Hollywood in New York, but I kept a Noisy Cricket, the little gun we used in the movie.

If you really had the opportunity to go into space, would you?

Absolutely. I'd love to be on the space shuttle. Anytime you leave your neighborhood, it broadens your horizons. And I think being in space would be a *really* broadening experience.

Do you have a dream role?

Yes. To play [former boxer] Muhammad Ali.

Do you have any hobbies?

I write the lyrics to rap records as a profession, but I'm not comfortable yet with writing music. So I write

music and record it in my studio as a hobby.

Ten years ago, you had a hit song called "Parents Just Don't Understand." Do you still think parents don't understand?

I was about sixteen when I wrote that song. Now I'm twenty-nine and the father of a five-year-old boy, so I'm going to revise it a little bit. I guess from my son's point of view, parents don't understand. But from my point of view, that's because we don't have to. □



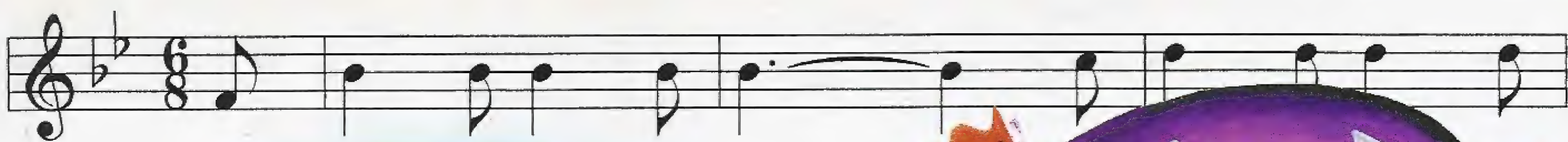
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What a rotten day this has turned out to be.
I got woken up at a quarter to three.

- ☐ The roof was leakin' ☐ The cat threw up
☐ The dog was droolin'

all over my head,
I was starting to wish I was dead.

I managed to sleep a few hours more,
Woke up to find

- ☐ my wife ☐ my wife and wallet
☐ my dog and wallet
had walked out the door.

A note had been left
right by the phone.
I read it and I felt so all alone.

It said,

- ☐ "I never did love you, ☐ "You never did love me,
☐ "You're uglier than a mule,

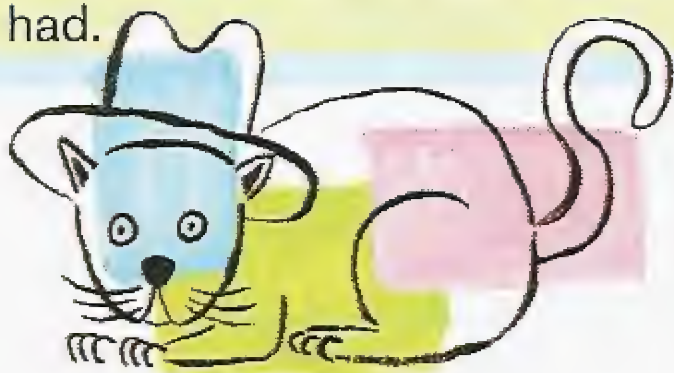
so it's time to part.
I'm tired of living

- ☐ with your cheatin' heart" ☐ in a horse-drawn cart."
☐ next to the Quickie Mart."

My heart was in pieces—I sure felt bad;
I'd lost the best

- ☐ friend ☐ bridge partner ☐ audience

I ever done had.



I got ready for work, and just my luck,

- ☐ My best friend ☐ The cat ☐ A boy named Sue

had stolen my truck.

When I called my boss to say I'd be late,
He said, "You're fired," and he sounded irate.

Then my luck took a turn for the worse.

- ☐ My wife came back, ☐ The toilet blew up,
☐ My nose fell off,
and I started to curse.

I said to myself, "I just can't win."
I guess it's time to hit

- ☐ that lonesome road ☐ my head against the wall
☐ my cousin up for some money

again.

This is one mighty
purdy song.



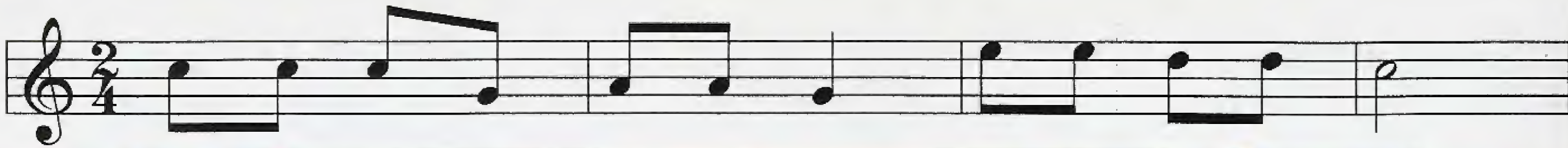
By the side of the road, I stuck out my thumb.
Then the cops pulled up and said,

- ☐ "Looky here, son." ☐ "Boy, are you dumb?"
☐ "You got any gum?"

They took me in, gave me the third degree,
Said I was wanted in Tennessee.

I started to smile—it was music to my ears,
First time someone's wanted me in years.





Hidden Horns of Plenty

The Flügelhorn family is crazy about music. They sneak the name of an instrument into almost everything they say. Read the scene below and try to find the 18 instruments hidden in the family's dialogue. (The instruments are listed at the bottom in the order they are spoken.) For example, in the first line, *bugle* is hidden in the words *Bug, lend*. We also found *timpani*.

Hint: Punctuation and spaces between words don't count, and neither do capital letters.

Answers on page 64.

Tim, Bugsy, Monica, and Mom Flügelhorn are in the kitchen.

TIM: Hey, Bug, lend me a hand with this salad. I'm worried dinner won't be ready on time.

BUGSY: Tim, panicking won't help. Here, I'll make the dressing.

TIM: Thanks. Your dressing is fantastic on garden salad.

MONICA: Are we having salad and rump roast again? I'm going to start *looking* like rump roast soon!

BUGSY: Hardy har har, Monica. That's a funny one!

MOM: (*opening her mail*) Oh, dear. I just got a summons for a parking violation. I can't stand it! I need a bonbon. Go get me one, please, Monica.

TIM: Yeah, Monica, help us out. Don't just sit around.

MOM: Have you finished your math homework, Bugsy?

BUGSY: No, I just don't understand pi. An older person might, though. Maybe I'll ask Pip Evans next door to help me. He's sharp.

MONICA: That old bag? Pip Evans can't even add!

MOM: Monica! That's not nice. By the way, you haven't cleaned the bathroom, have you? The tub and sink are filthy.



TIM: Achoo!

MOM: Don't sneeze into the food, Tim. Do you have the flu? Tell me.

TIM: Bugsy gave it to me!

BUGSY: Did not!

TIM: Did too!

MOM: Don't start fighting, you two. Let's talk about something else. Pick any topic. Colors, for example.

MONICA: Can we talk about the war between North and South Leonia? There, minutes ago, they reached an accord. I only just heard about it on the radio.

MOM: That's great news. Let's all sit down. Dinner's almost ready. Our salad, our roast rump, et cetera. I mean rump roast! And we'll wrap the leftovers in cellophane for tomorrow.

They ought to ban jokes like this.



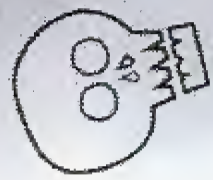
Instruments

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|-----------------------|--------------|----------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. bugle | 4. drum | 7. bongo | 10. harp | 13. flute | 16. accordion |
| 2. timpani | 5. harmonica | 8. sitar | 11. bagpipe | 14. piccolo | 17. trumpet |
| 3. conga | 6. viola | 9. piano | 12. tuba | 15. theremin* | 18. cello |

*see story, page 40



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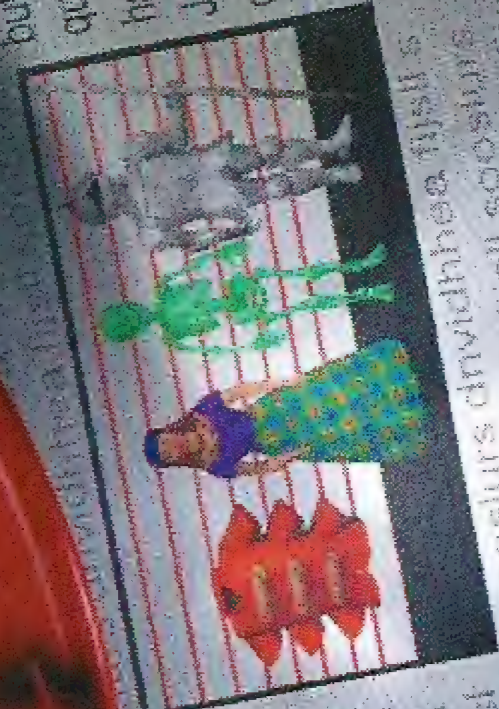
cereal to help all of us solve this very
creepy and elusive mystery."

In a case that's been plaguing the city
for months, the Post Police have turned
to kids for help. Post
Officer Becky Robb
had this to say: "We're
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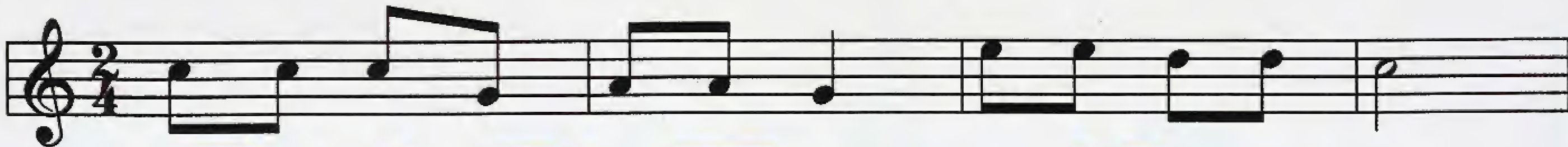
Four suspects have been interrogated
but so far no one's talking; especially
quiet is Coat-of-Arms, who apparently
has no mouth. However, Post Inspector
Jim Sullivan revealed yesterday that the
discovery of two "clue cards" in each
marked box of Honeycomb may be
an important break in the case. Experts
agree, and suggest that using these
cards, along with the Haunted Mansion
is the way to catch the creep who took
the Honeycomb.



Suspect At Scene Of Crime

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Clue Cards May Help



Get It Together

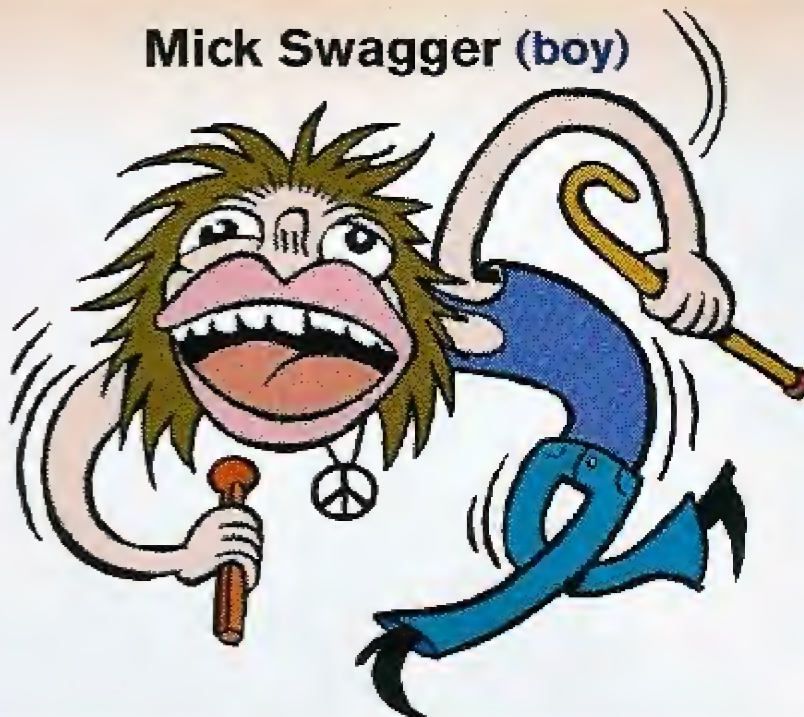
The bands Fleetwood Splat, Mumbajumba, and Green Dog need members. Each group should have a vocalist, a guitarist, a bassist, and a drummer. Read the Rock Rules at right to figure out which musicians should be in each band. Write their names in the blanks for each group. (Use a pencil with an eraser.) **HINT:** Two of the members of Fleetwood Splat are male, two female. **Answers on page 64.**

VOCALS:

Ai-yi-yi-ah (girl)



Mick Swagger (boy)



Janet Traction (girl)



GUITAR:

The Hedge (boy)



Sheryl Pigeon (girl)



Teeth Richards (boy)



BASS:

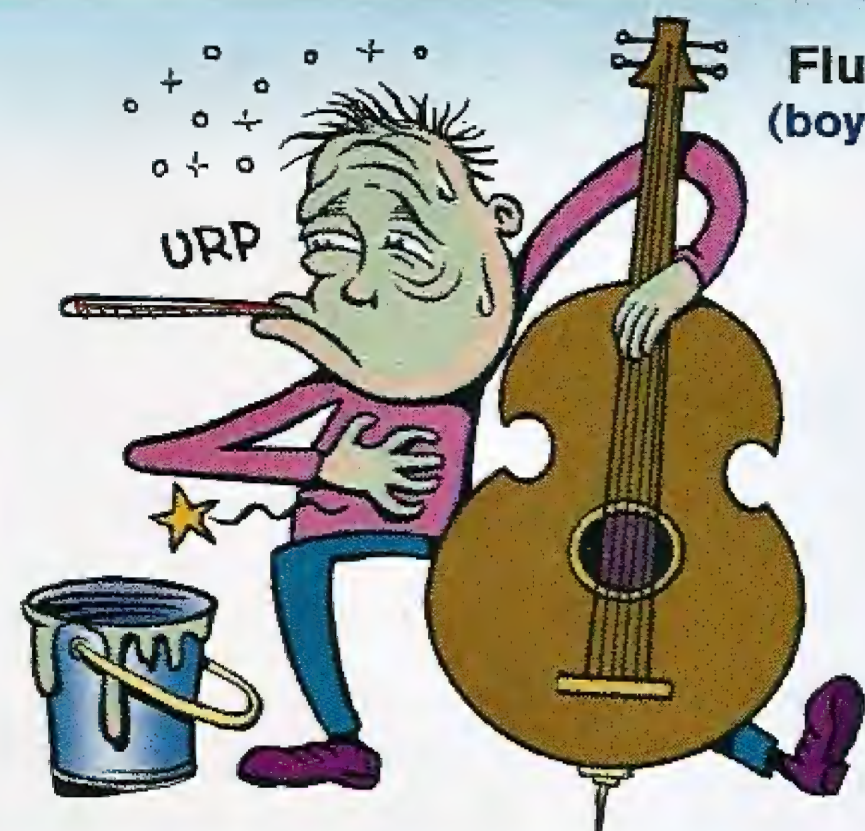
Stink (boy)



Paul McFartney (boy)



Flu (boy)

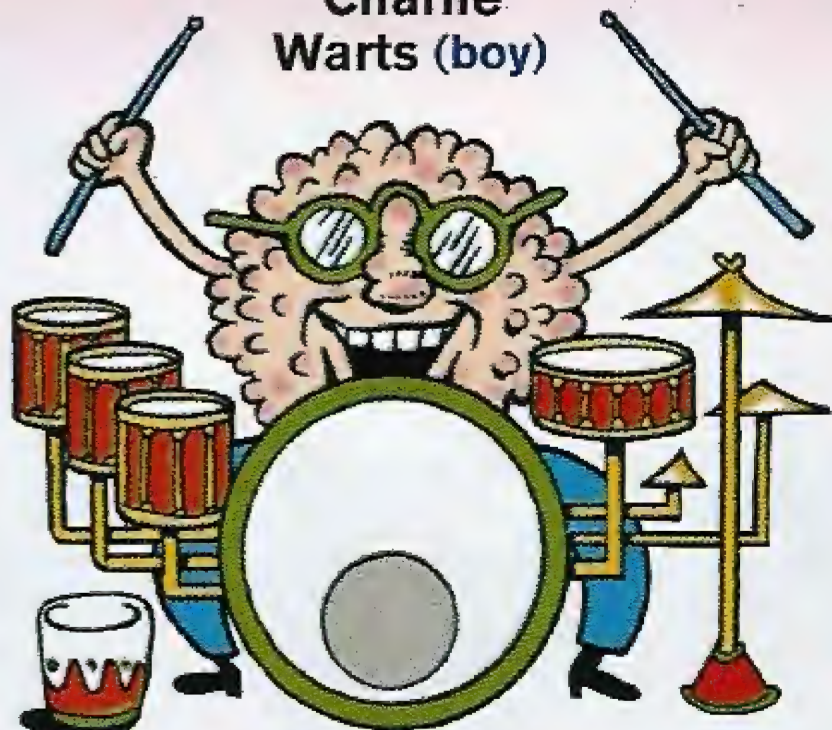


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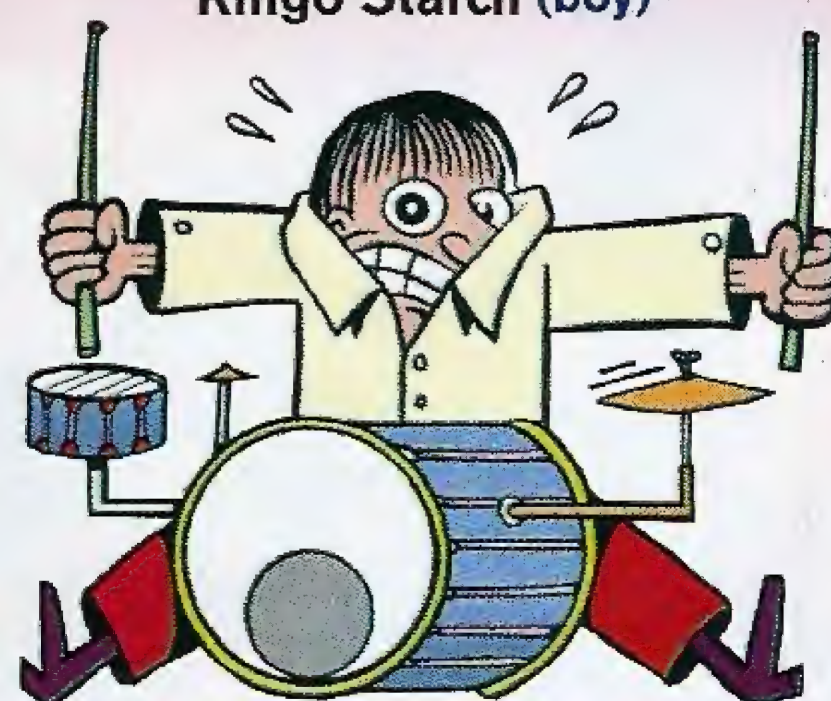
Lards Ulrich (boy)



Charlie Warts (boy)



Ringo Starch (boy)





- 1.** Stink refuses to play in a band with females.
- 2.** Charlie Warts thinks his band should have two boys and two girls.
- 3.** Ringo Starch insists on playing with either Stink or Paul McFartney.
- 4.** Lards Ulrich won't play for Green Dog.
- 5.** Flu and Ai-yi-yi-ah refuse to be in the same band.
- 6.** The Hedge and Janet Traction always play together.
- 7.** Sheryl Pigeon plays for Fleetwood Splat.
- 8.** Mumbajumba has a female singer.

Vocals:

Guitar:

Bass:

Drums:

Vocals:

Guitar:

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Drums:

Vocals:

Guitar:

Bass:

Drums:

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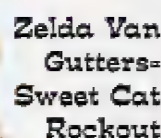
- 1.** Count the number of letters in your:

First name



Middle name

Last name



If one of your names has more than 10 letters, add the two digits together to get a single-digit number. For example, the name "Christopher" has 11 letters, so $1+1=2$.

If you don't have a middle name, just skip the second column.

- 2.** Choose the word from each column that matches the number of letters in your name:



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Your band name:





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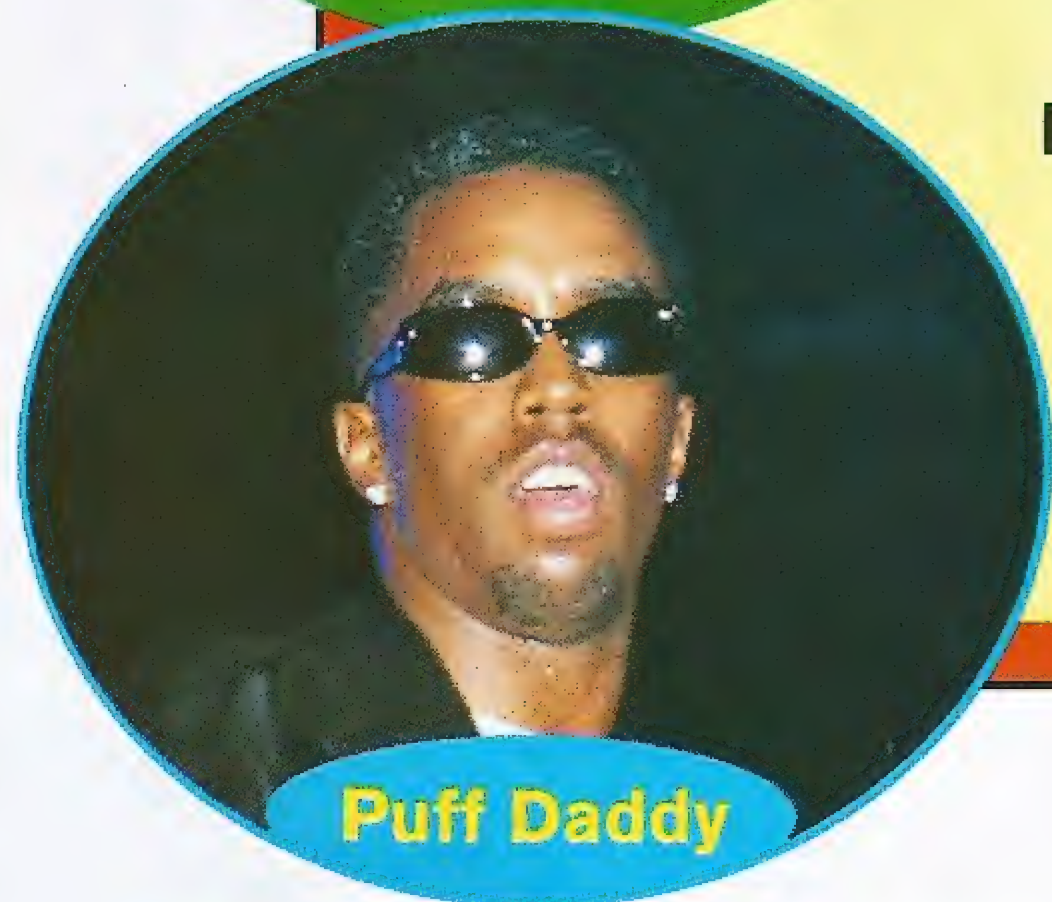
FOUR WHO TOUR



Jewel



Usher



Puff Daddy



Backstreet Boys

How would you like
to spend a year
traveling with Jewel?
Go bowling with the
Backstreet Boys?
Rory Evans flagged down
the tour buses carrying
Puff Daddy, Jewel, Usher, and
the Backstreet Boys
and talked to the folks
who back up the bands.

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JEWEL OF THE AISLE

Keith Anderson (below) has been Jewel's road manager for almost two years. He spent most of last year on the road with her.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What does a road manager do?

KEITH ANDERSON: I put all the pieces of a concert tour together. I make sure we get a tour bus, hotel rooms, and sound equipment—and that everyone gets fed and paid. I travel with Jewel on the bus, and when we come into a new city, I make sure everything is set up for her.

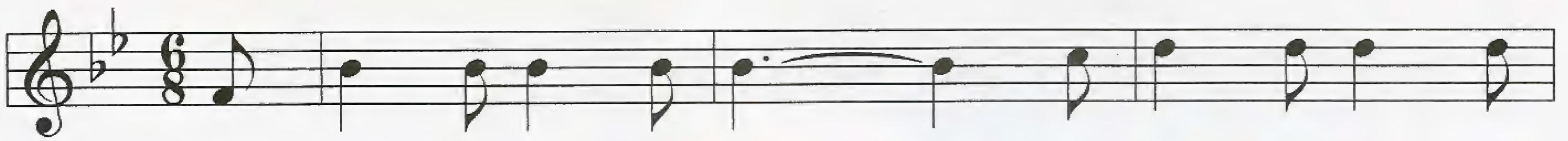
What is Jewel's bus like?

We have two lounges, a small table with bench seats, and a sofa. There's also a full kitchen. In the back is a bunk area with room for six to twelve bunks and a separate double bed for Jewel.

Does Jewel ever sing on the bus?

She's never too far away from her guitar when we're traveling. A few times when we were waiting for an airplane, she'd pull out the guitar and go over to a corner of the airport and sing.





DJ FOR PD

Clark Kent (top, right) has been a DJ on 11 concert tours, with artists such as the Notorious B.I.G. and Salt-N-Pepa. These days, Clark performs with Puff Daddy (below, right, with microphone).

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How did you get your name?

CLARK KENT: When I was nine, I used to wear glasses that looked like Clark Kent's. The kids on my block made jokes about them and called me Clark Kent.

How did you become a DJ?

My uncle had DJ equipment and I used to mess around with it. I started taking it seriously when I was nine. Eventually, I started playing parties and clubs.

How many albums do you own?

About 70,000. But I take only about 200 records on tour with me. I buy records just about every day and have doubles of almost every one.

How did you meet Puff Daddy?

I met him when he was at Howard University. He'd sometimes hire me to be the DJ at his parties.

Do you ever call Puff Daddy "Puff" for short?

I call him a lot of things. I call him Puff. I call him P. I call him Sean [his real name]. I call him PD.

What were you like when you were eleven years old?

Very self-sufficient. I knew all about deejaying and records and music. That's all I wanted to do.

Have you ever sprained your wrist deejaying?

Never. One time, I sprained my wrist roller-skating, and I couldn't deejay for three weeks. They were the worst three weeks of my life.



USHERED AROUND

Sharon Leete (below, with Usher) is Usher's bus driver. In the three years she has been driving a tour bus, she has worked with Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, and New Edition, among others.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:

Are you ever the only one awake on the bus when you're driving?

SHARON LEETE: I'm *usually* the only person awake on the bus. We're always going from major city to major city, so the best way to avoid rush-hour traffic is to travel all night.

Have you ever gotten lost?

Lost? No, I take that part of my job very seriously. I refuse to get lost.

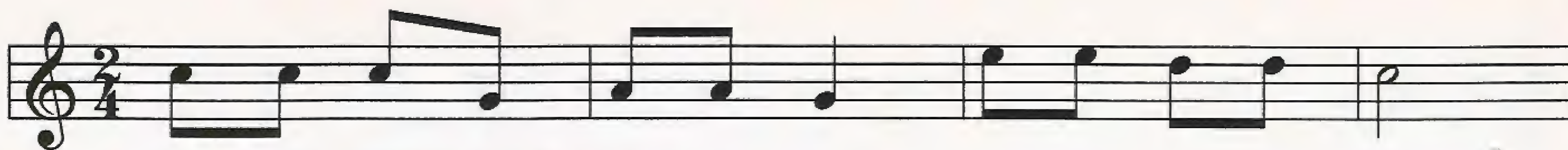
What's the inside of the bus like?

It has top-of-the-line everything, from electronics to computers to cell phones. The doors slide open or shut when you hit a button. We get tons of channels on the TV. And Usher has a master suite in the back with a king-size bed. If it wasn't for the color, which is turquoise, the bus would be nicer than my home in Florida.



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MORE FOUR WHO TOUR

What kind of music does Usher (right) listen to on the bus?

He listens to himself. He likes to critique his work. He also loves to dance—he practices his dancing a lot.

Do you watch his show every night?

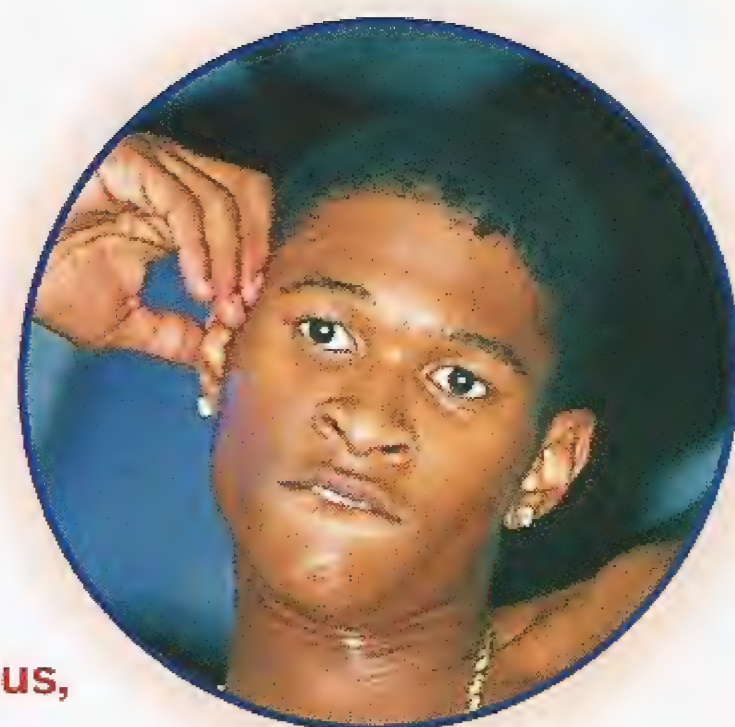
No. I go to my room [at the hotel] and put up the DO NOT DISTURB sign. I have to force myself to go to sleep at six o'clock at night, since I have to be up and driving at two in the morning.

Do you ever take off with the bus when Usher isn't around?

Sure. I run errands with it. It's my ride.

If you could have a bumper sticker on the bus, what would it say?

CAUTION: REDHEAD DRIVING.



BACKSTREET WATCH

Randy Jones (below, left) is in charge of security for the Backstreet Boys (below, right) tour. He has also handled security for the New Kids on the Block and Elton John and was a bodyguard for former football player Joe Montana.



close to the backstage gate as possible. When the band leaves, they try to follow us. Some fans can get very aggressive.

When do you get to relax?

When I know everyone is on the bus and it's secure.

Would you ever want to sing backup for the Boys?

A few times they've tried to call me out on stage, but they know I won't go for it.

Do you get to hang out with the band?

Sure. We go to the movies or bowling or to an arcade—normal things they would do at home.

Are you like the world's greatest babysitter?

Umm, yeah. [laughs] □

I'll sing backup.



NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What's your job like?

RANDY JONES: I'm part of a six-man team, and basically, we get the Boys from point A to point B safely and as quickly as possible. We also make sure the backstage areas at the concerts are secure.

Who gets to go backstage?

Occasionally, some of the band's friends will be back there, but mainly everyone is part of the production crew: roadies, security, catering. Sometimes fans who've won contests get to come backstage.

Has anyone ever tried to trick you with a phony backstage pass?

Yeah, but I'm too sharp for that.

When is your job toughest?

After the show. Some fans leave the show before it's over and line up their cars as





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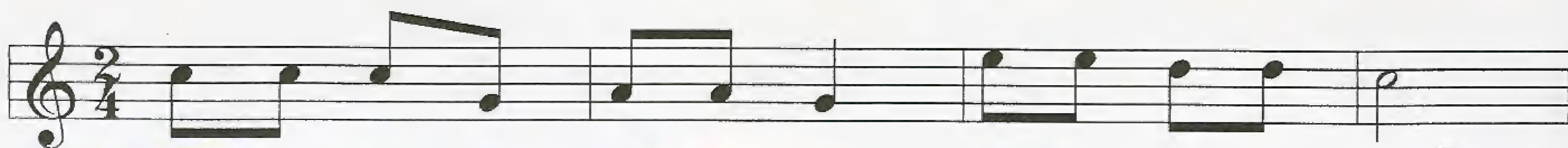
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Are You Hanson or Hands-Off?

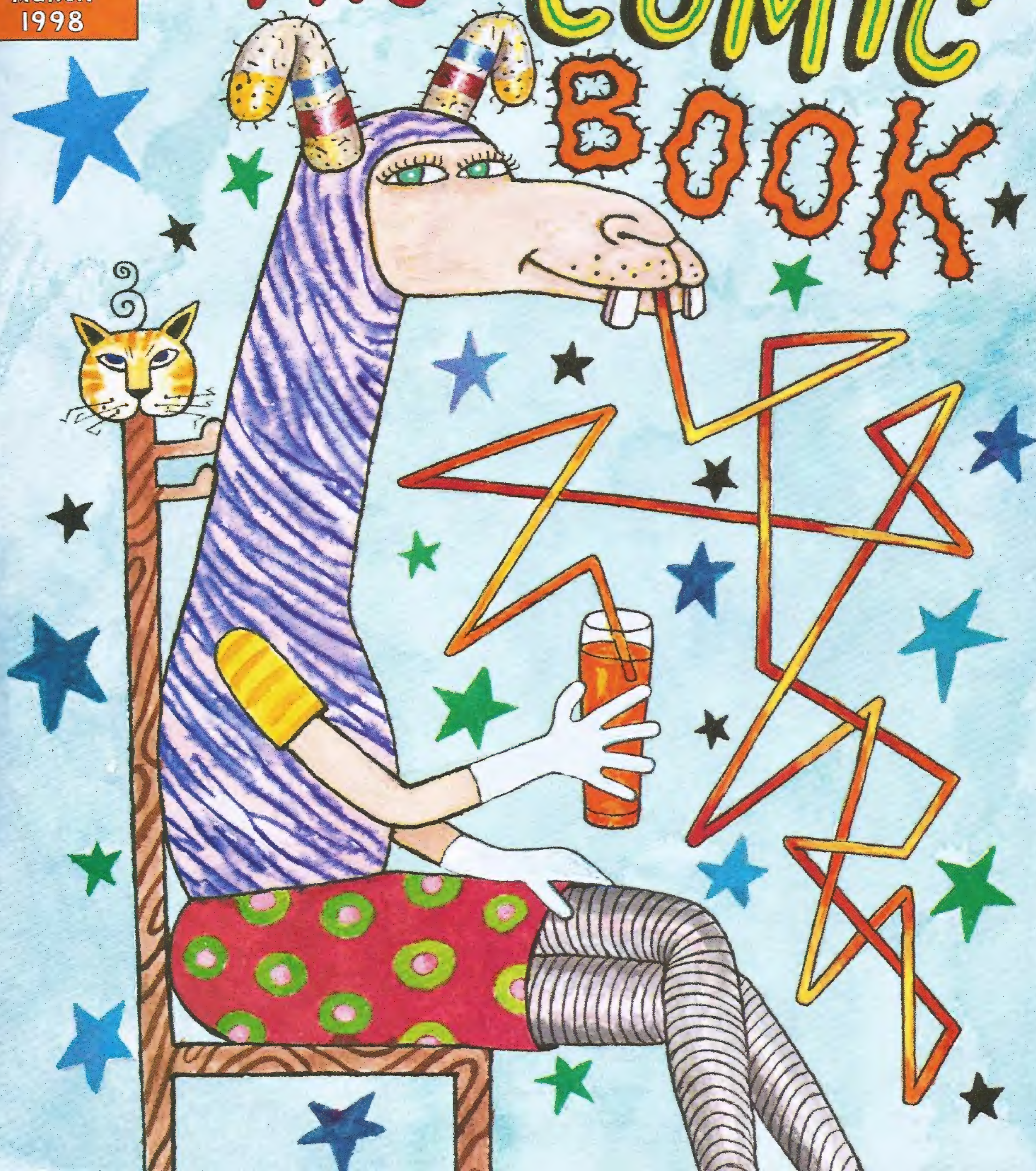
Some people are hands-down Hanson fans, while others are left cold by the three brothers from Oklahoma. Read the following statements, starting from the bottom of the page. Check the ones that apply to you and see how you rate as a fan of the Hanson band.

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“here’s the love”		Hanson for President(s)!	_____
		You involuntarily scream with joy every time a Hanson song comes on anywhere in the world.	_____
		You’ve asked Congress to make March 14, October 22, and November 17 national holidays.	_____
“getting mmm-bopped out”		You’ve asked your parents for two musically inclined brothers.	_____
		Your computer password is Zac.	_____
		You know Isaac’s and Taylor’s real first names.	_____
		You watched the first game of the 1997 World Series only because they sang the national anthem.	_____
“middle of nowhere”		You own one Hanson CD. (And you know which one we mean.)	_____
		You enjoyed seeing the “MMMBop” video...the first 300 times.	_____
		You think their names are Alec, Billy, and Stephen.	_____
		You think that “MMMBop” is a magazine for thoughtful teens.	_____
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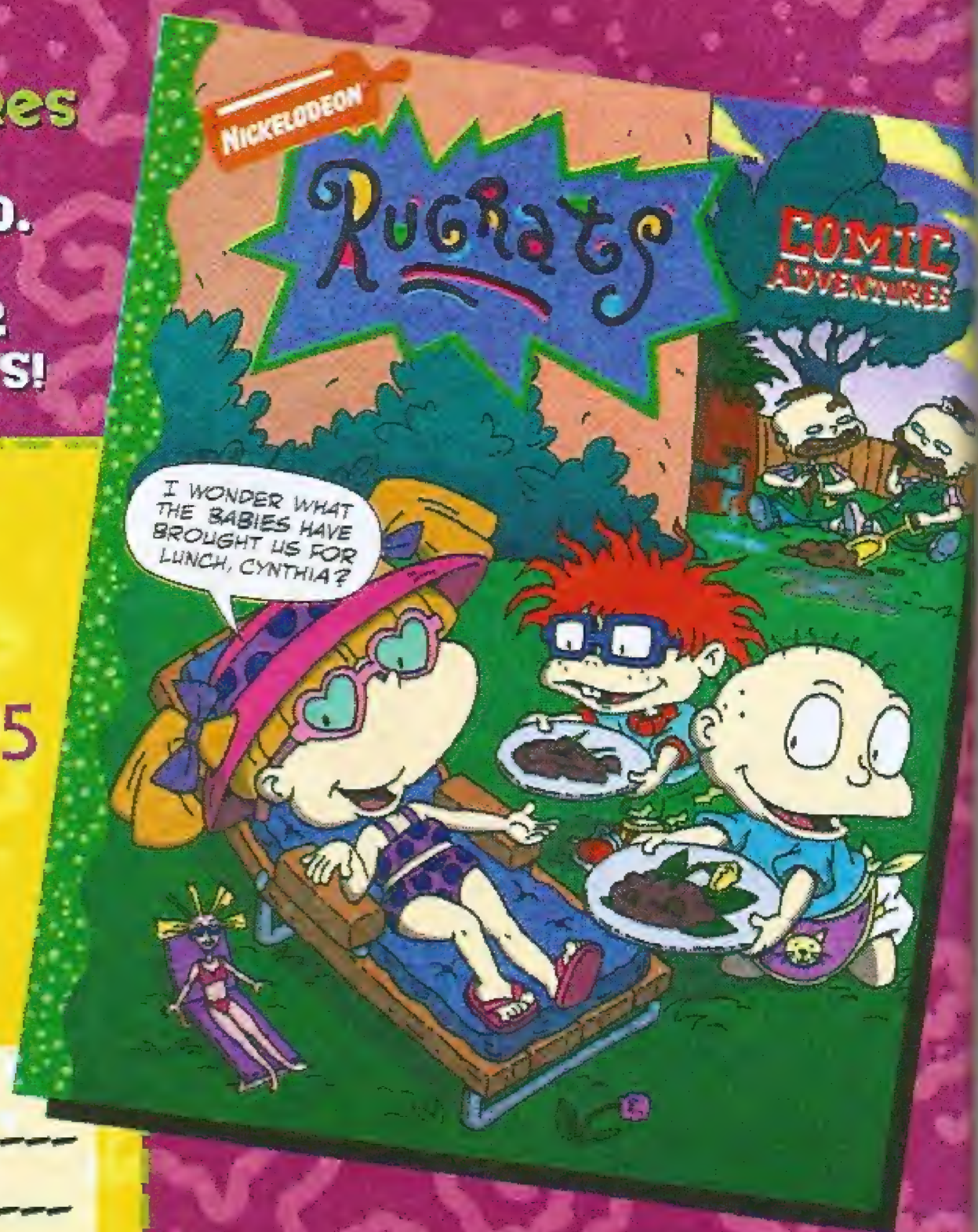
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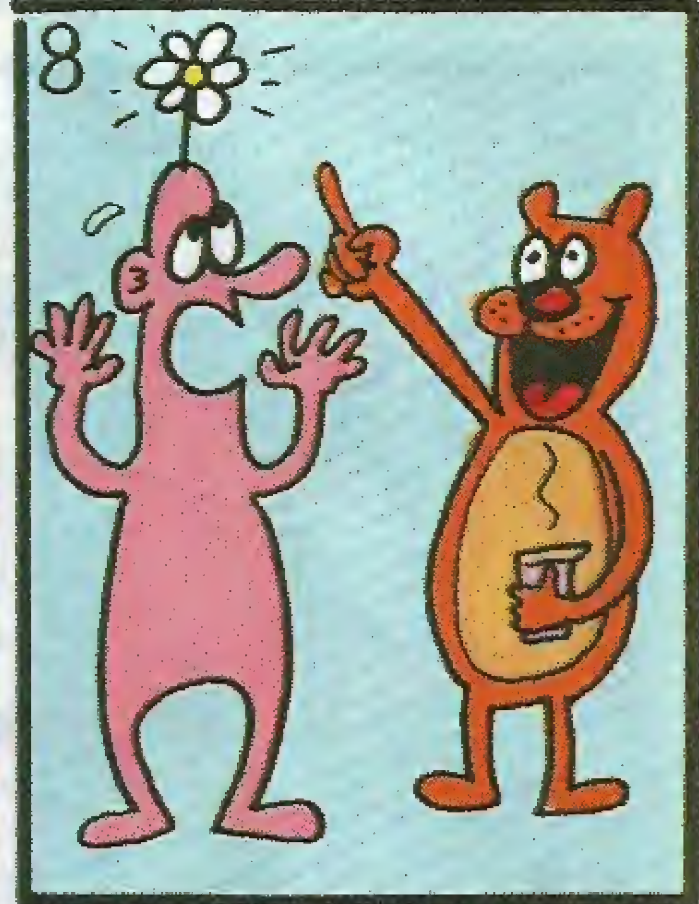
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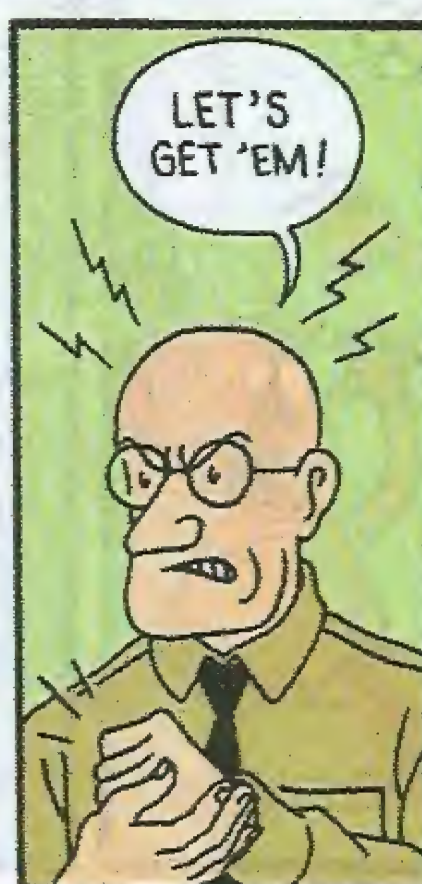
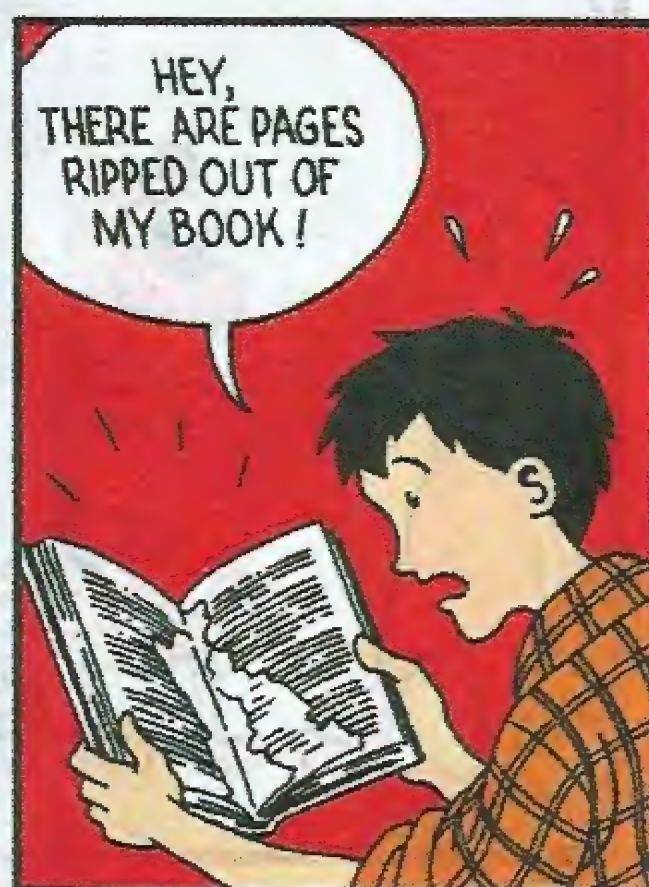
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This Orchestra Is the Pits



In this scene, **more than 30** things aren't quite right. For example, the conductor is using a pencil instead of a baton.

How many other odd things can you find?

by Robert Leighton



Answers on page 64.

SOUTHERN FRIED FUGITIVES

A WING, A THIGH, A BREAST, AND A DRUMSTICK ON THE RUN IN A WORLD THAT HUNGERS FOR THEIR FLESH!

BOOM BOOM!

LEGS!

CHESTER!

AND WING NUT!

LAST TIME, AFTER A WILD RIDE, THE BOYS ENDED UP IN A STRANGE LAND FULL OF TALKING ANIMALS! HERE THEY MET THEIR OLD PAL BERTHA, WHO TOLD THEM...

YOU'RE IN THE MYSTICAL LAND OF SHAMAN IMALA!

HEY!

IF WE'RE NOT IN TROUBLE FOR ONCE...

THEN IT'S OKAY TO HAVE SOME FUN!

YEAH!

THE NEXT FEW DAYS ARE ONE LONG CONGA LINE OF FUN! FUN! FUN!

THANK YOU, MY GOOD MAN--ER, MOUSE!

LOOK--A FRYING FISH!

GIDDYAP, LIZARD!

HA!

BUT LATER ON, WHILE SKATING ON SHAMAN IMALA'S CRYSTAL LAKE, THE BOYS GET CURIOUS...

SO, BERTHA, HOW DID YOU GET TO THIS PLACE?

WELL, YOU SEE, IT WAS LIKE THIS...

ONE DAY, I WAS BEING CHASED BY THESE MEN WITH NETS...

...WHEN SUDDENLY, I FELL THROUGH AN OPEN MANHOLE!

I FLOATED THROUGH A DARK SEWER PIPE FOR WHAT SEEMED LIKE DAYS...

AND I FINALLY ARRIVED HERE THROUGH THE SAME FOUNTAIN THAT YOU GUYS CAME THROUGH!

AND THEN I --

HEY! CAREFUL! DON'T SKATE TOO NEAR THAT HOLE!

WHY?

BECAUSE SLIDING DOWN THIS POLE SENDS YOU BACK TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, AND --

GREAT! LET ME AT IT!

WAIT! ONCE YOU LEAVE, IT'S REALLY HARD TO GET BACK HERE!

LOOK, GUYS, YOUR ARRIVAL HERE WAS NO ACCIDENT. WE NEED YOU!

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Answer on page 64.

1

Rapscallion: A large onion or leek



2

Rapscallion: An ornate brass door knocker



3

Rapscallion: A rascal; a dishonest or mischievous person





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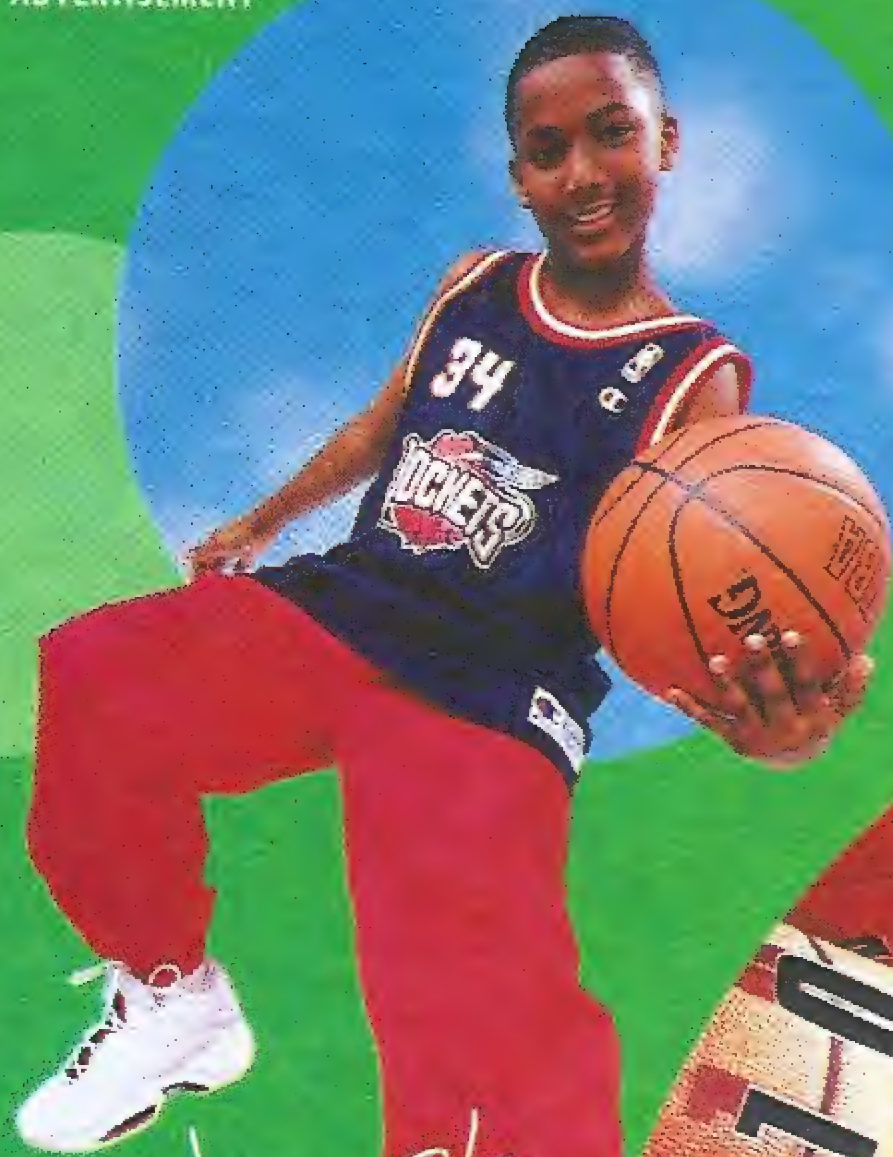
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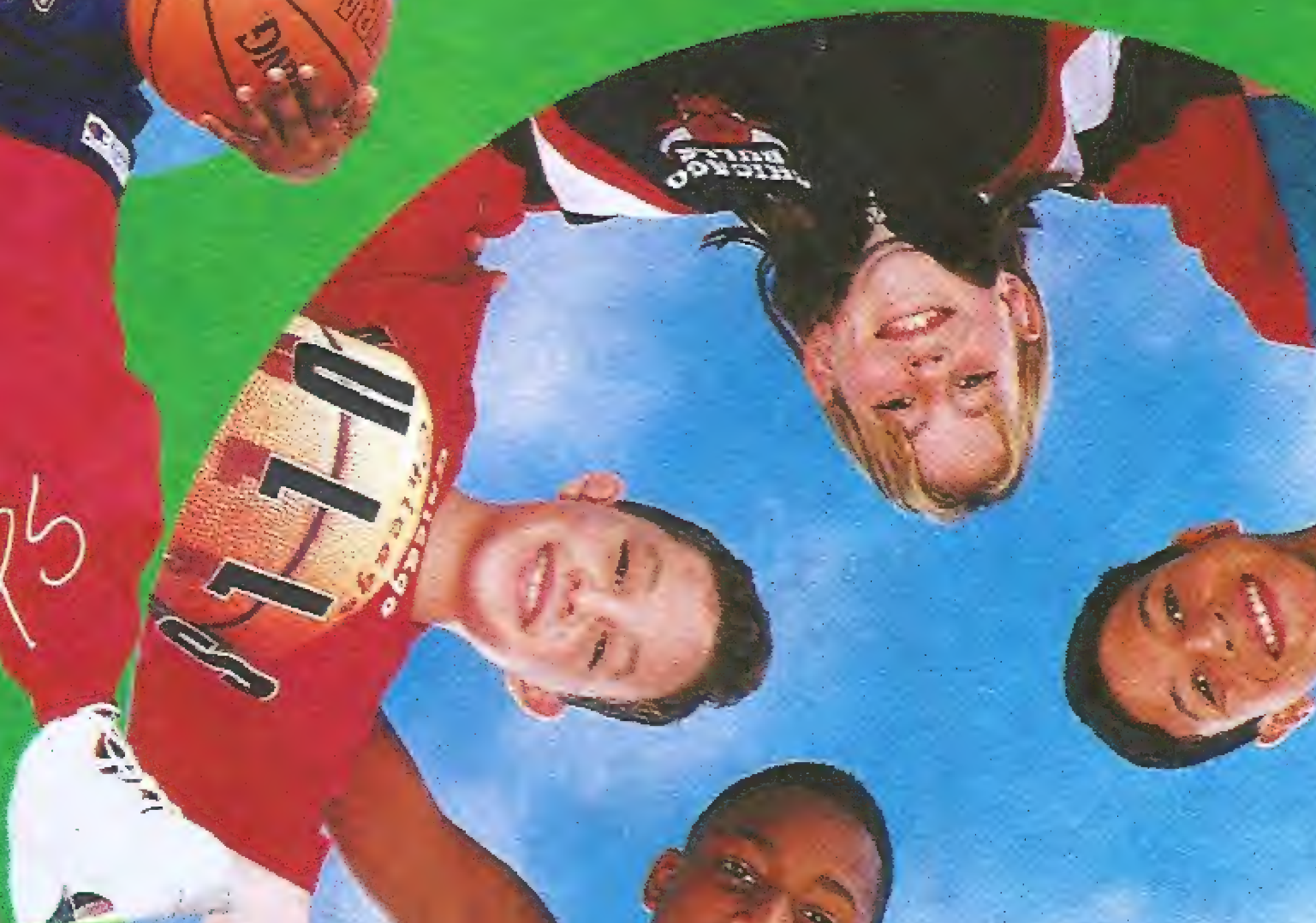
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You Call This Music?

People have used everything from car horns to brain waves to make music.

Steven Stern recorded the facts on some unusual music you probably won't hear on the radio.

Honk-y tonk woman

Lots of people play music in their cars, but Wendy Mae Chambers plays music *with* cars. In her 1978 piece, "Real Music," performers drove around a circular driveway honking their horns and turning their wipers on and off, following instructions taped to their rearview mirrors. Chambers also performs popular songs, such as "The Star-Spangled Banner," on an organ she built by connecting 25 car horns to a keyboard (*right*).



Blow-it-all

When Rahsaan Roland Kirk played jazz in the 1960s and 1970s, he didn't have to worry about finding other musicians to perform with. Kirk could play three saxophones at once (*left*), or he could blow on a harmonica and a flute at the same time. Kirk also specialized in playing "duets" with himself—on flute and nose flute.

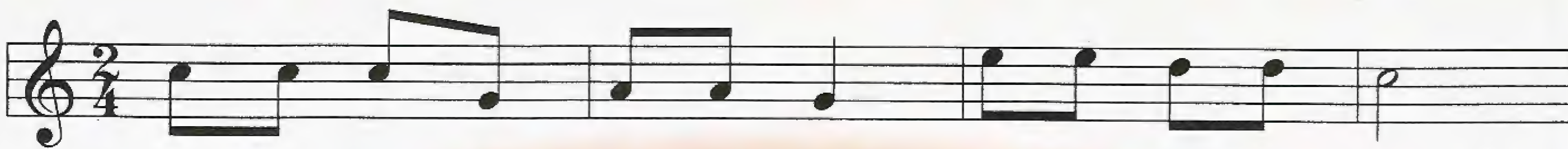


Balloony tunes

Judy Dunaway has performed her music using nothing but balloons for instruments. She creates melodies by letting the air out of inflated balloons (*above, left*) and blowing into ripped ones. She also makes percussive sounds by tapping balloons or rubbing them with her fingers (*above, right*). Dunaway has around 4,000 balloons in her apartment and hopes to someday write an entire balloon symphony.

Continued →





More

You Call This *Music*?



New wave music

It takes brains to be a composer, especially if you're Alvin Lucier (*left*). In Lucier's "Music for Solo Performer," the performer straps electrodes to his or her head. The electrodes send electrical impulses produced by the person's brain through an amplifier to speakers that have drums and other percussion instruments in front of them.

The electrical impulses cause the speakers to vibrate, and the vibrations make the instruments move. Lucier ends up creating a drum solo, all from his head!

Turn it up!

A piece called "4'33"" by composer John Cage is perfect for people who hate loud music. For four minutes and thirty-three seconds, a performer sits at a piano without

playing. The "music" is whatever sounds can be heard in the room—people coughing or traffic noises from outside, for example. Cage's piece was first "not played" by pianist David Tudor (*right*) in 1952.

News reports did not say whether the audience's applause was also silent.



I am the hound
of silence.



A real wind instrument

In 1892, French baker Joseph Pujol started performing a musical act that earned him the title "Le Pétomane," which means "The Fartomaniac." Pujol played the flute with his own gas and did impressions of animal noises. He could also extinguish a candle using his own wind power (*above*).

Hands off

In the 1920s, Leon Theremin (*left*) invented an instrument that you play without ever touching it. Named after the inventor, the theremin is a box with two metal antennas. A performer moves his or her hands around the antennas to control the volume and pitch of the wavering electronic sound produced inside the box.

The eerie sound of the theremin was used in many science fiction movies of the 1950s. And a theremin named "Lothar" starred in a 1960s band called Lothar & the Hand People (*right*). You can also hear a theremin during the chorus of the Beach Boys' song "Good Vibrations." □



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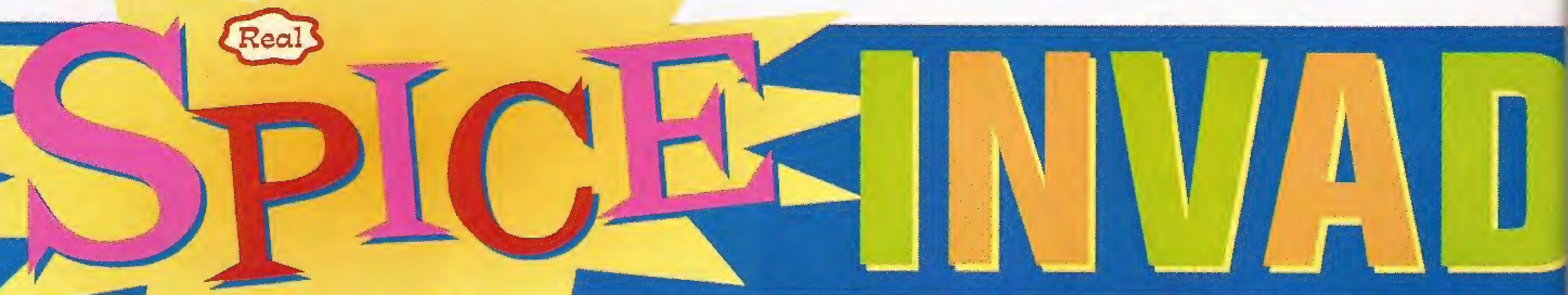
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GINGER: I love garlic.

Where do ideas for your songs come from?

BABY: They come out of our experiences. On our new album there's a Motown-type track, which I like, and a big-band song, which Ginger loves.

How do you remember the words to all your songs?

SCARY: When you write them, it's easy.

POSH: It's like if you write a story, you remember the story, because you wrote it.

Have you ever taken a dive off your platform shoes?

BABY: I have, yes, lots of times. Actually, at the MTV awards in Europe, I fell straight over on my face in front of thousands of people.

Do you ever wear disguises when you go out?

GINGER: Yes, but I get caught. It's embarrassing. I go out and people say, "That's Ginger with a wig on."

Do you have a favorite female hero?

SPORTY: I do. Mine's Madonna.

BABY: Mine is my mum. She's a very strong female.

POSH: Diana, Princess of Wales.

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GINGER: That'd be very difficult—I'd have to be all of them rolled into one.



HAVING A SPICE TIME (left to right): Baby, Sporty, Ginger, and Posh, with Scary (front).



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In the Mood...

The music you hear in supermarkets is supposed to put you in the mood for shopping. What tunes should you listen to during other activities? Match the situations on the left to the songs on the right. We did the first one for you. **Answers on page 64.**

1 Your brother or sister is talking too much.

2 You can't find your socks.

3 Your friend is hogging the video game.

4 It's time for math class.

5 You're taking a bath with your shoes on.

6 You're cheating at Go Fish.

7 Your mom is changing the lightbulb.

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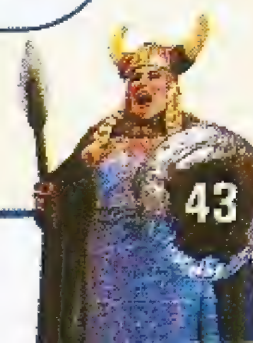
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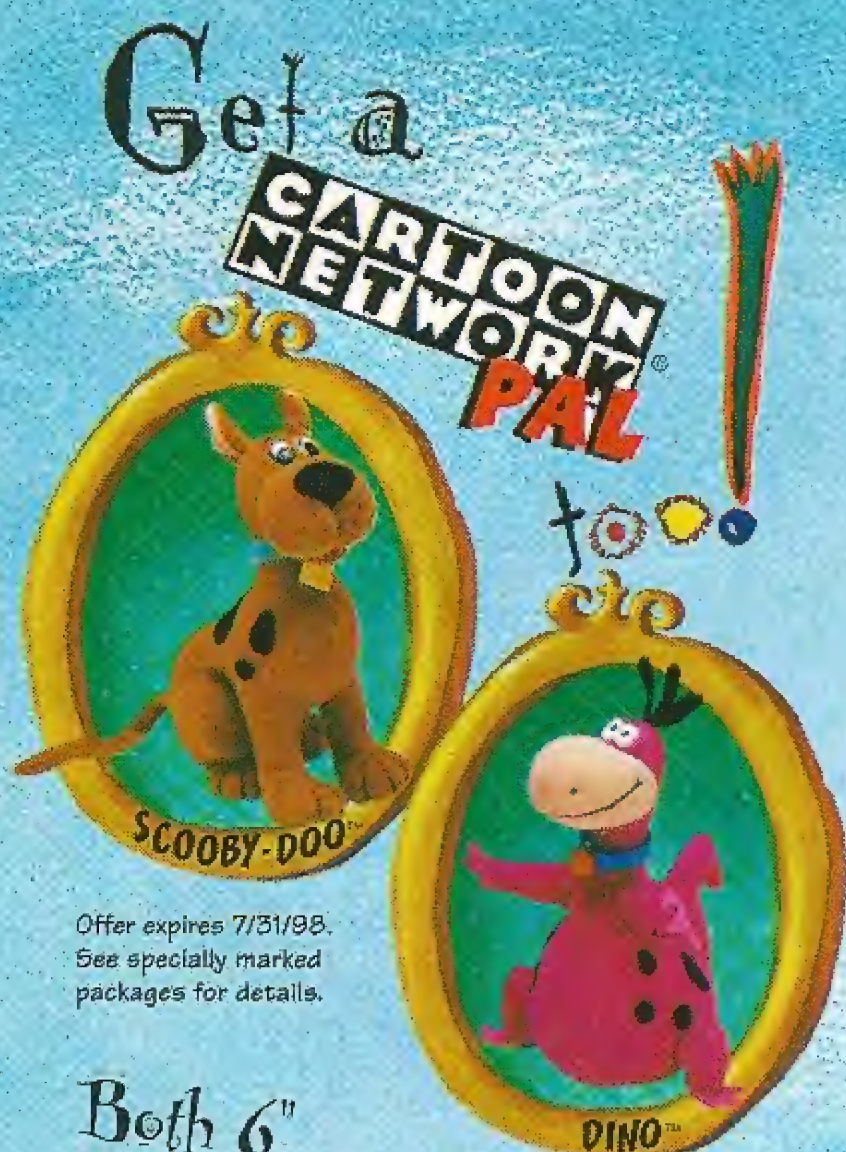
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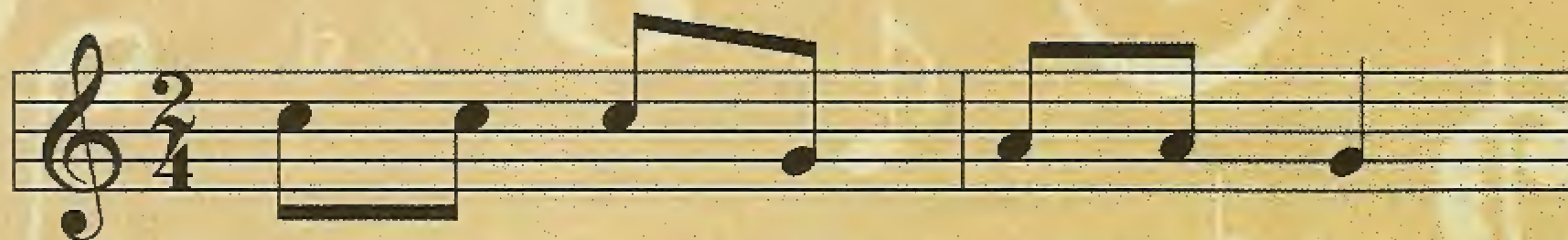
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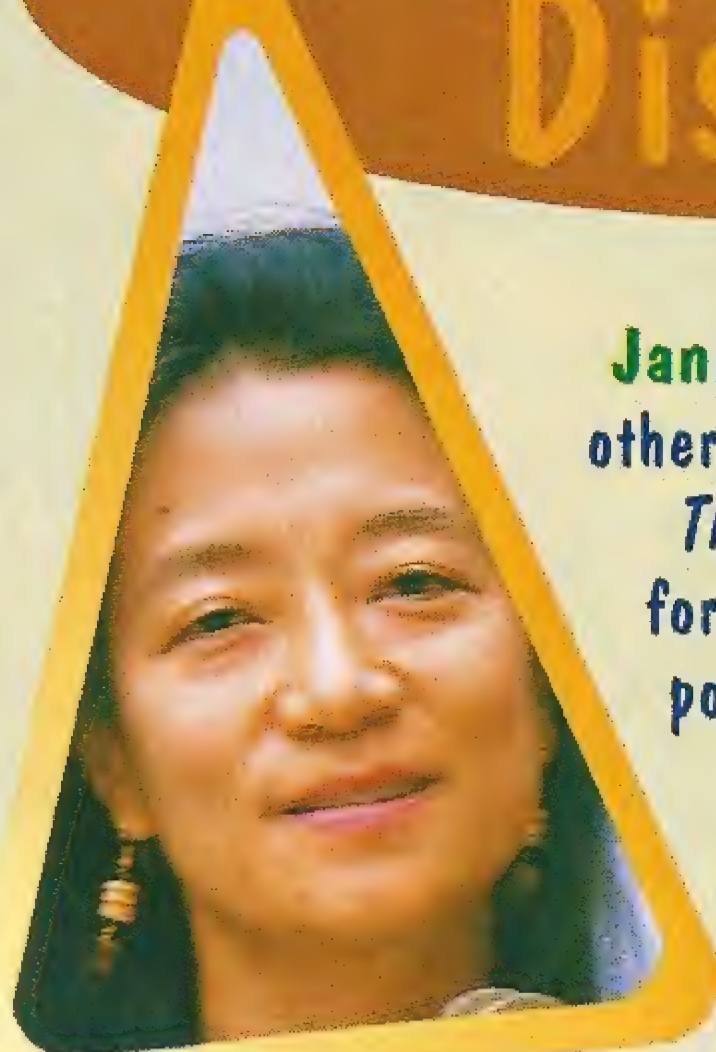
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Percussion Discussion



Jan Hagiwara has played the triangle (and other percussion instruments) for the musical *The Phantom of the Opera* in New York for 10 years. She gave **Rory Evans** some pointers on the three-sided instrument.



NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Why did you become a percussionist?

JAN HAGIWARA: I've always thought percussionists have the most fun, because we play a bunch of instruments, such as bass drum, timpani, wood block, and of course, the triangle.

Does the triangle come in different sizes?

Yes. Some are heavy and clanky, almost like a dinner bell. Some are really thin and delicate, like a wind chime. Older ones sound better. The sound from newer triangles often has no shimmery quality.

What do you call the stick you hit the triangle with?

A beater.

What's a difficult piece of music for the triangle?

When the rest of the orchestra quiets down for the triangle to play a few notes. If I shake a little, you can hear it. It can get nerve-racking to play a solo.

Have you ever missed your cue?

Once or twice. Sometimes when it happens, you sit there and think, "Wow, someone just missed their part." Other times, your body jumps up at the last second and you hit the note somehow, miraculously.

Do you ever play pranks in the orchestra pit?

We're always cracking jokes. People may find rubber ducks on their music stands, or when the lights go out, someone will be wearing fluorescent antennae.

Do you like your sandwiches cut in triangles?

Yeah, I do. That's how my mom always cut them.

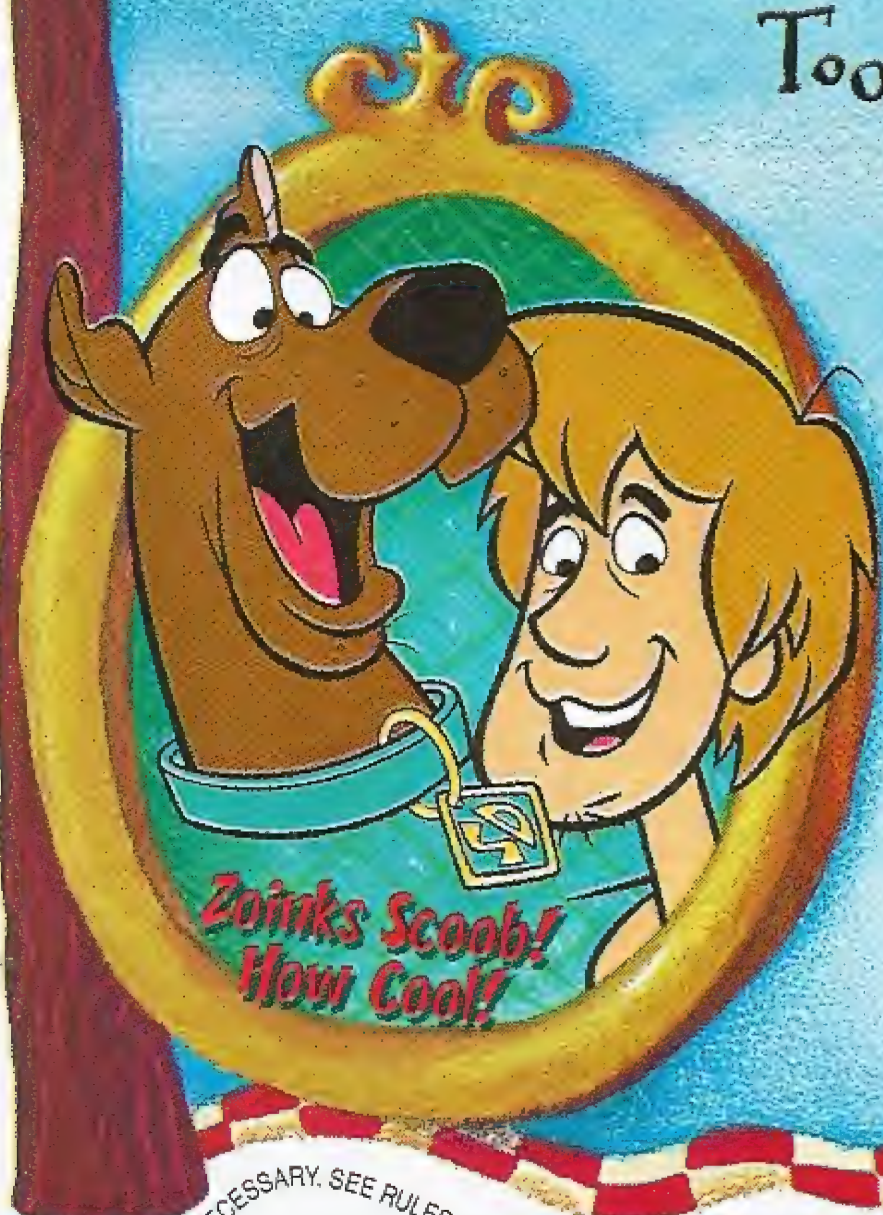


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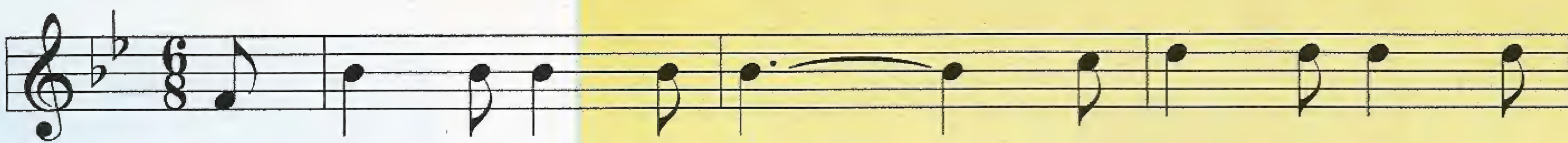
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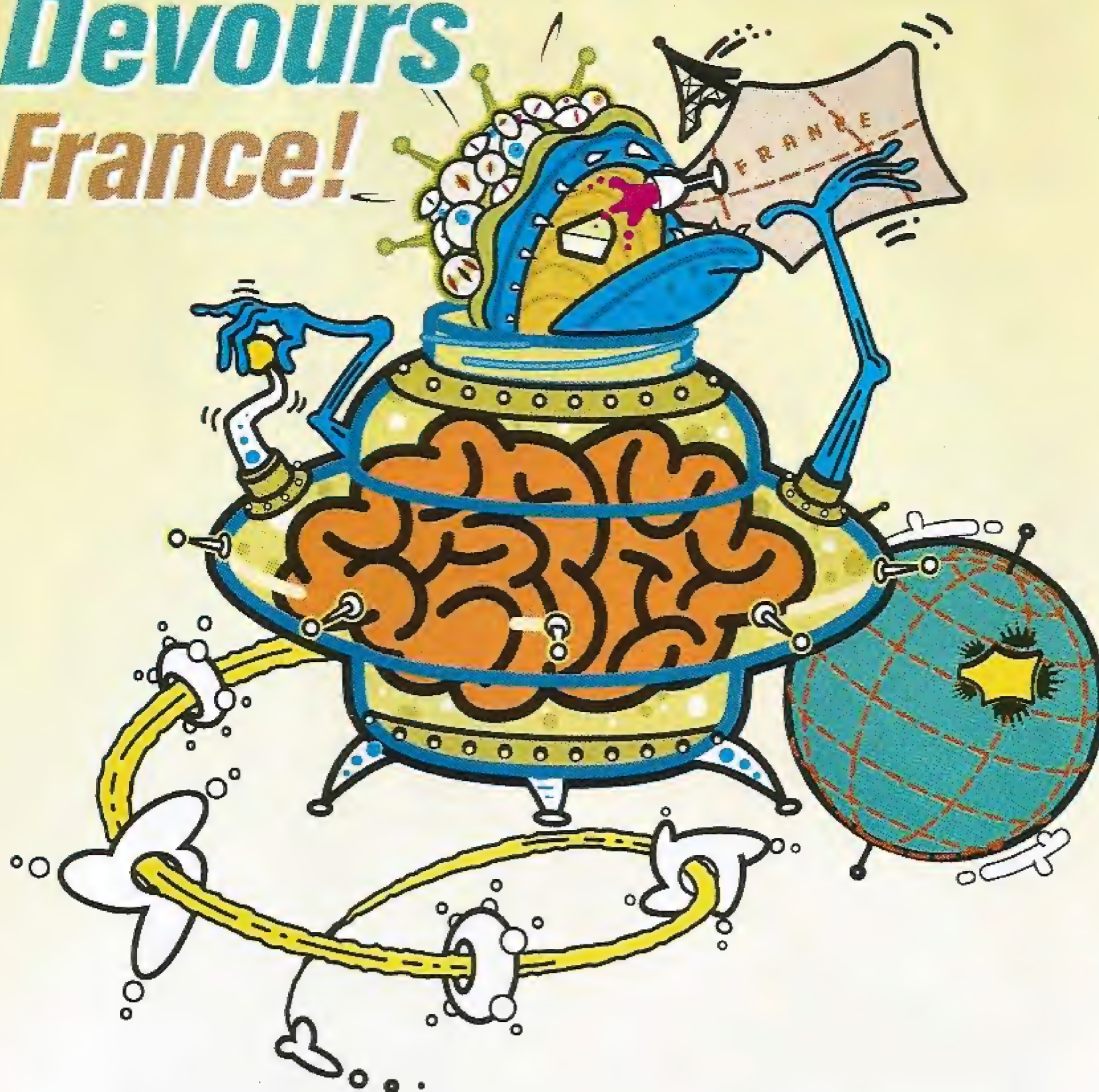
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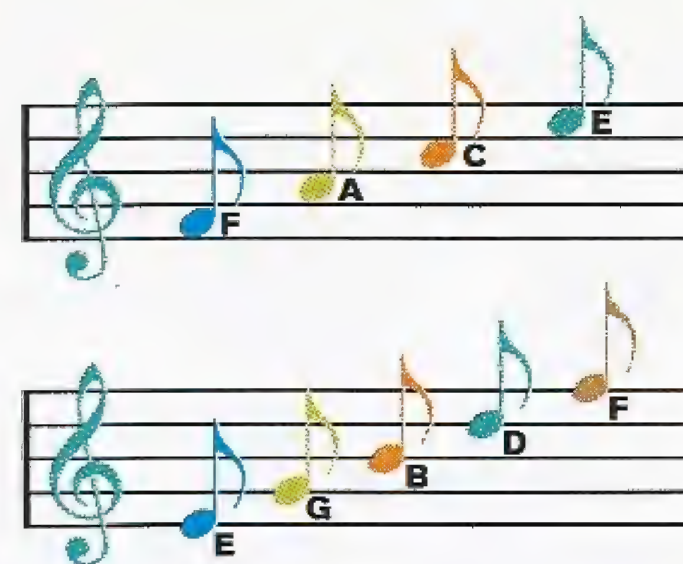


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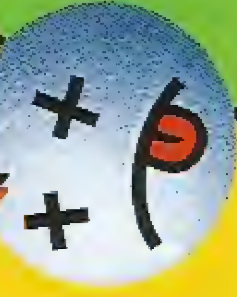
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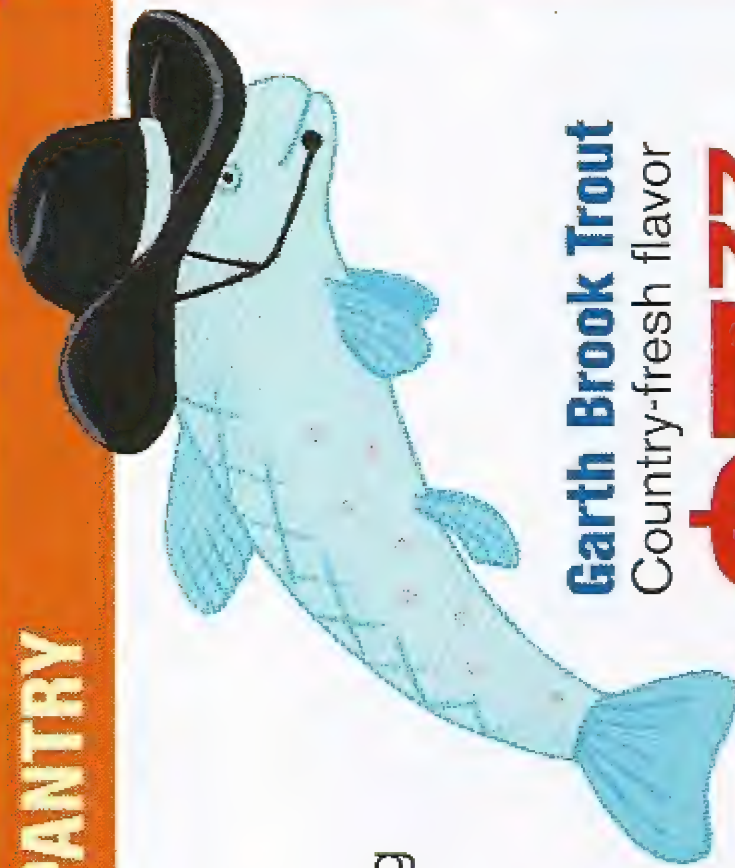
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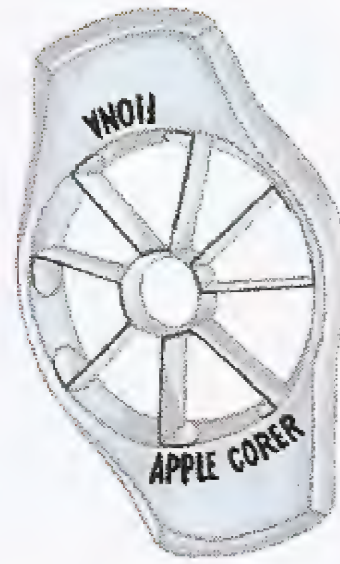
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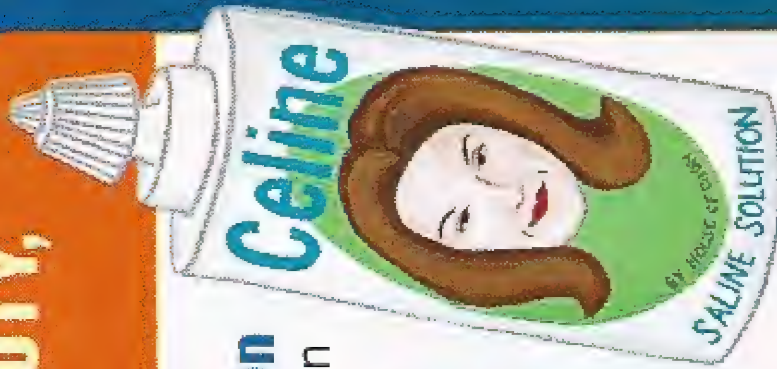


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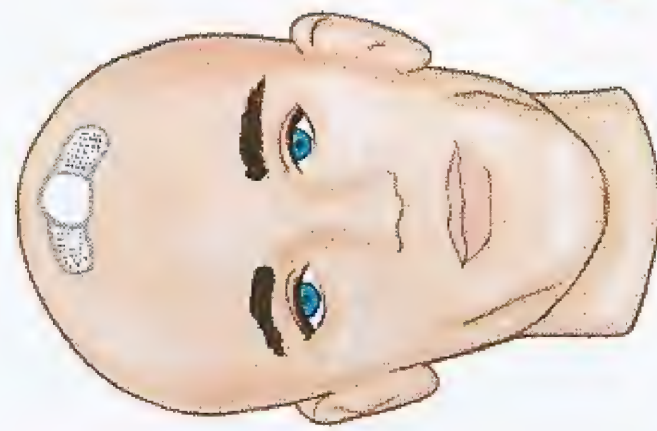
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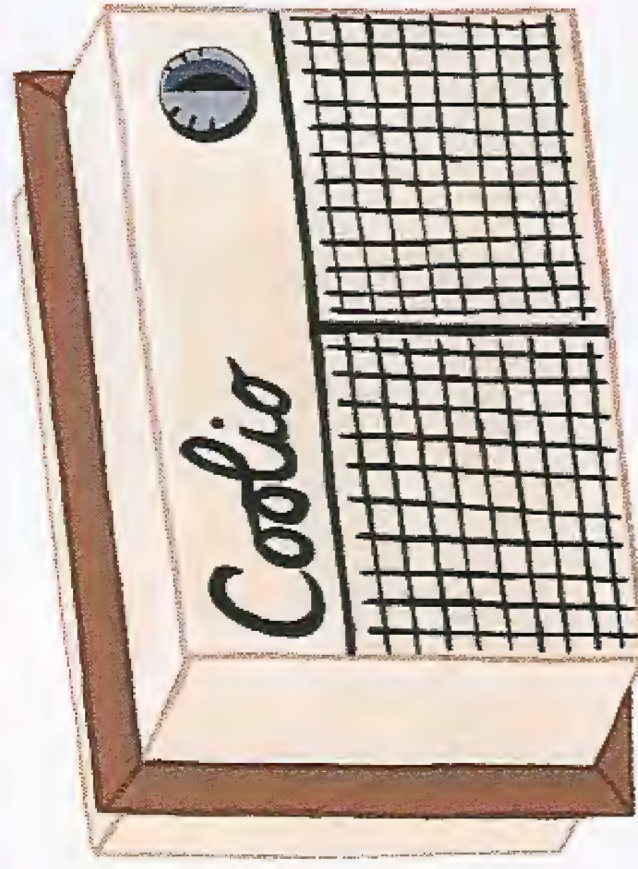
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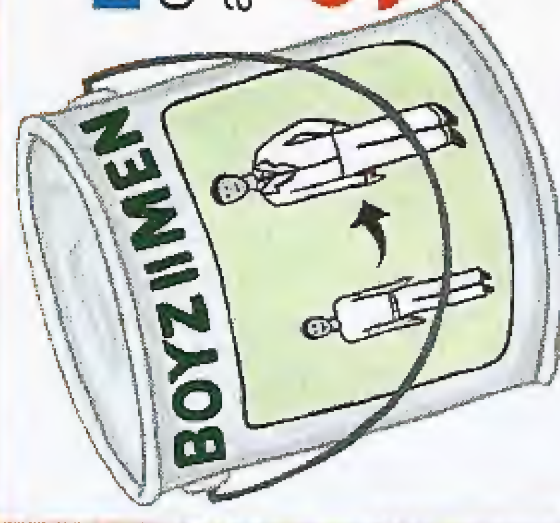
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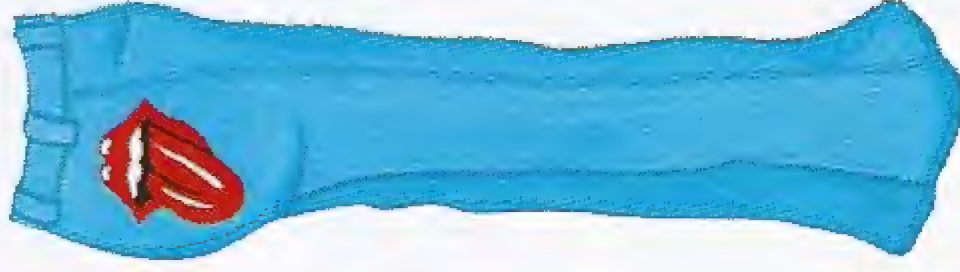
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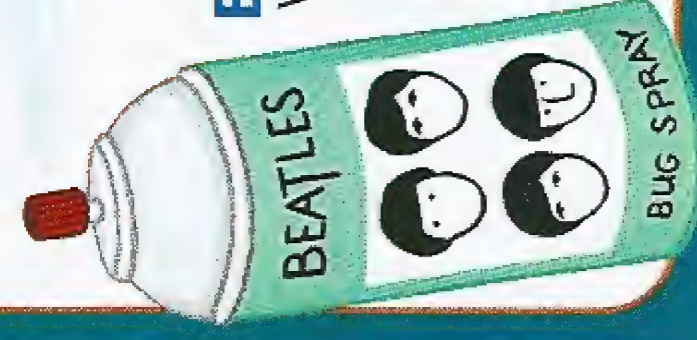


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We Chill With Hill

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Grant Hill was voted the NBA's co-Rookie of the Year in 1995. Now he's in his fourth season as a forward for the Detroit Pistons. Grant recently granted **Rory Evans** an interview.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How much do you practice?

GRANT HILL: I practice with the team every day from eleven to about two, and I lift weights beforehand for about an hour. Off season, I like to work out from eight to noon—lifting, running, swimming, shooting baskets, and working on my game.

What's the funniest thing that has happened to you during a game?

To help you understand it, you have to know that I've always had a complex about being thin: I

never went to the pool or to the beach in high school or college. I never took my shirt off. Then one time in a game, I got blood on my jersey, and the rule is, you have to change your jersey if there's blood on it. When I took my shirt off on the court, there were all these screams—so it made me feel kind of good.

They weren't screams of horror?

I don't *think* they were screams of horror; they may have been. I'm going to pretend that they were good screams.

Who's the funniest person in the NBA?

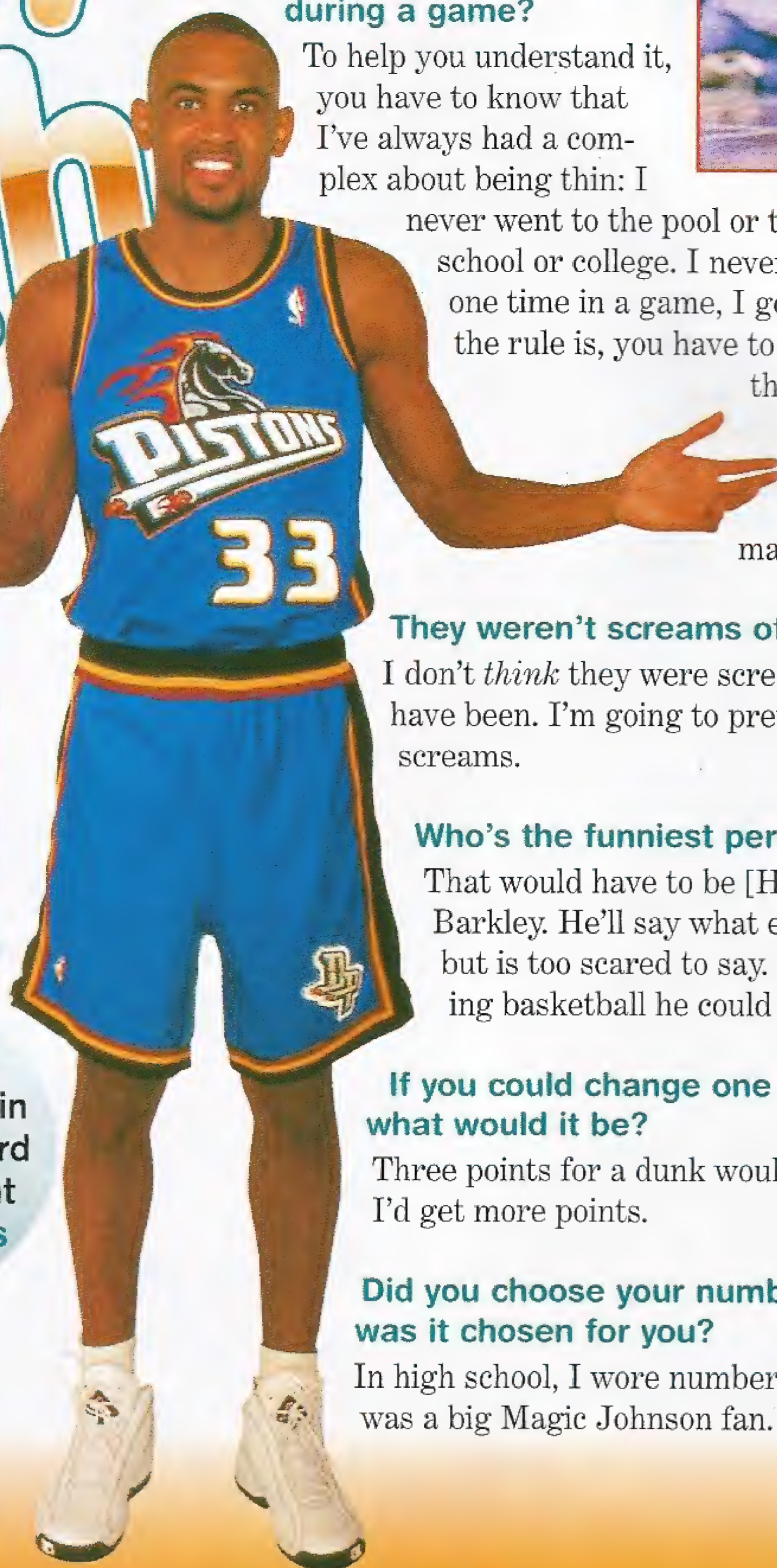
That would have to be [Houston Rocket] Charles Barkley. He'll say what everyone else is thinking but is too scared to say. I think if he weren't playing basketball he could be a comedian.

If you could change one rule of basketball, what would it be?

Three points for a dunk would be cool. I dunk a lot, so I'd get more points.

Did you choose your number, thirty-three, or was it chosen for you?

In high school, I wore number thirty-two, because I was a big Magic Johnson fan. And when I got to Duke,



my teammate Christian Laettner [now with the Atlanta Hawks] was wearing thirty-two, and he wasn't going to give it up. He was bigger than me, so I picked one number higher. I did well with it, so I decided to keep it.

Which celebrity would you want to play with one-on-one?

Maybe Dr. J [Julius Erving]. Growing up, he was my idol, my hero. I might not want to play one-on-one with him, though, because I'd be afraid I might beat him. Maybe we could go bowling instead.

Who is your favorite all-time athlete?

[Tennis player] Arthur Ashe. I was always told he's somebody I should try to be like—the way he conducted himself on and off the court. And I like my father, Calvin Hill.

Your dad played professional football. What was that like growing up?

Supposedly, the first word I said as a baby was *football*. When I was a little kid, I knew all about the game, but I wasn't allowed to play, because my parents wanted me to wait until I was older and more developed. And once I did get older, I just didn't like it.

How has your dad's experience influenced you?

Having a father who was a professional athlete has helped me deal with the pressure of being a professional athlete. And my mom, of course, being the wife of an athlete and the mother of one, has a good perspective.

Do they ever embarrass you at your games?

All the time! Some things never change. Specifically,

there's my dad and his clothes. He can't dress. Everyone gives me a hard time, saying, "Grant, you have money. Why don't you buy your dad a new wardrobe?" Well, he doesn't want it.



What advice do you have for kids who aren't good athletes?

Study. I think even kids who *are* good athletes need to study and work hard. There are no guarantees with sports, but what you learn will stay with you for the rest of your life.

What would you be doing if you weren't playing basketball?

I don't know, maybe I'd be a journalist or a lawyer. I guess I'd be looking for a job.

What sport are you no good at?

Synchronized swimming.

But can you dog paddle?



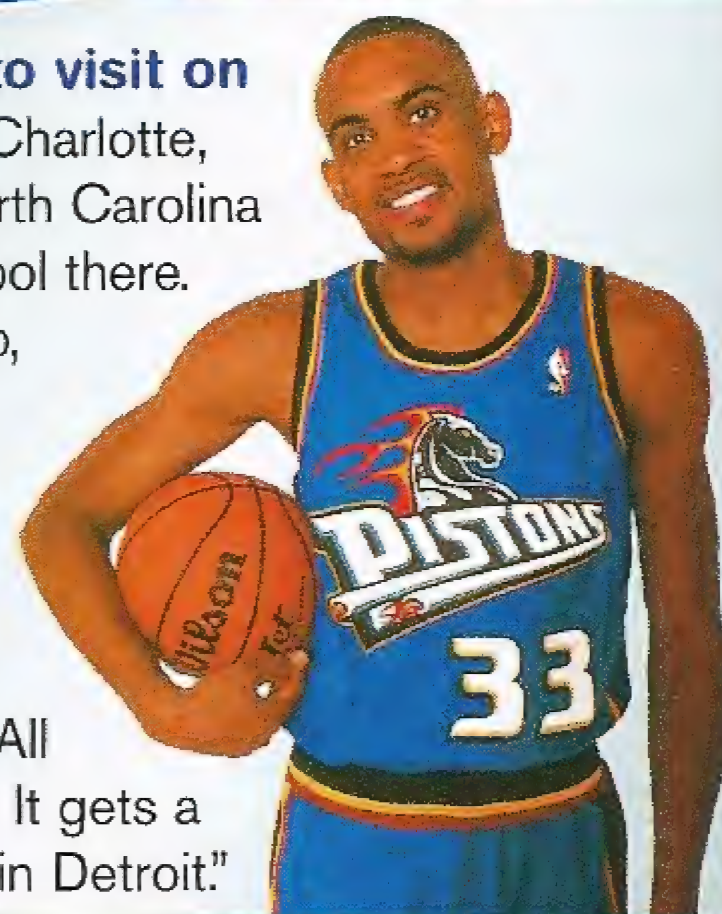
How many pistons does your car have?

Uhhh...I have no idea. I'm not really a mechanic.

Extra Points

Favorite cities to visit on the road:

"I like Charlotte, because it's in North Carolina and I went to school there. I like New York, too, because it's a fun city. I also like Phoenix, because it's warm. And I'd throw in Miami for the same reason. All those warm cities. It gets a little cold up here in Detroit."



Favorite female athlete: Jackie Joyner-Kersey

Favorite video game: Galaga

Favorite musicians: Tamia and other R&B singers

Favorite meal: Pasta



A Legend in Your Own Mind

by David Levontin

It takes a lot of work to become a famous musician: You have to practice your instrument, write songs that appeal to millions, and spend months on the road touring. Why not just trick people into thinking you're a superstar? Here's how:

- * Slide into rooms on your knees.
- * When you outgrow a jacket, donate it to the Hard Rock Cafe.
- * If anyone asks to hear your album, say, "Sorry, my only copy is gold."
- * When you hear a big rock star on the radio, say, "Hmm...she didn't sing it that way on our duet album."
- * When friends come over, give them passes to wear around their necks. (Some passes get them into your room; some don't.)
- * Whenever you return from a trip, yell, "Hello, _____!
Are you ready to rock?"
your town's name
- * As you board your school bus, sigh and say, "My limo's late again."
- * Hang a poster outside your classroom that says

your name : NOW APPEARING LIVE!
- * When it's time to go to bed, get up on the couch and yell, "You've been a great family! Good night!"



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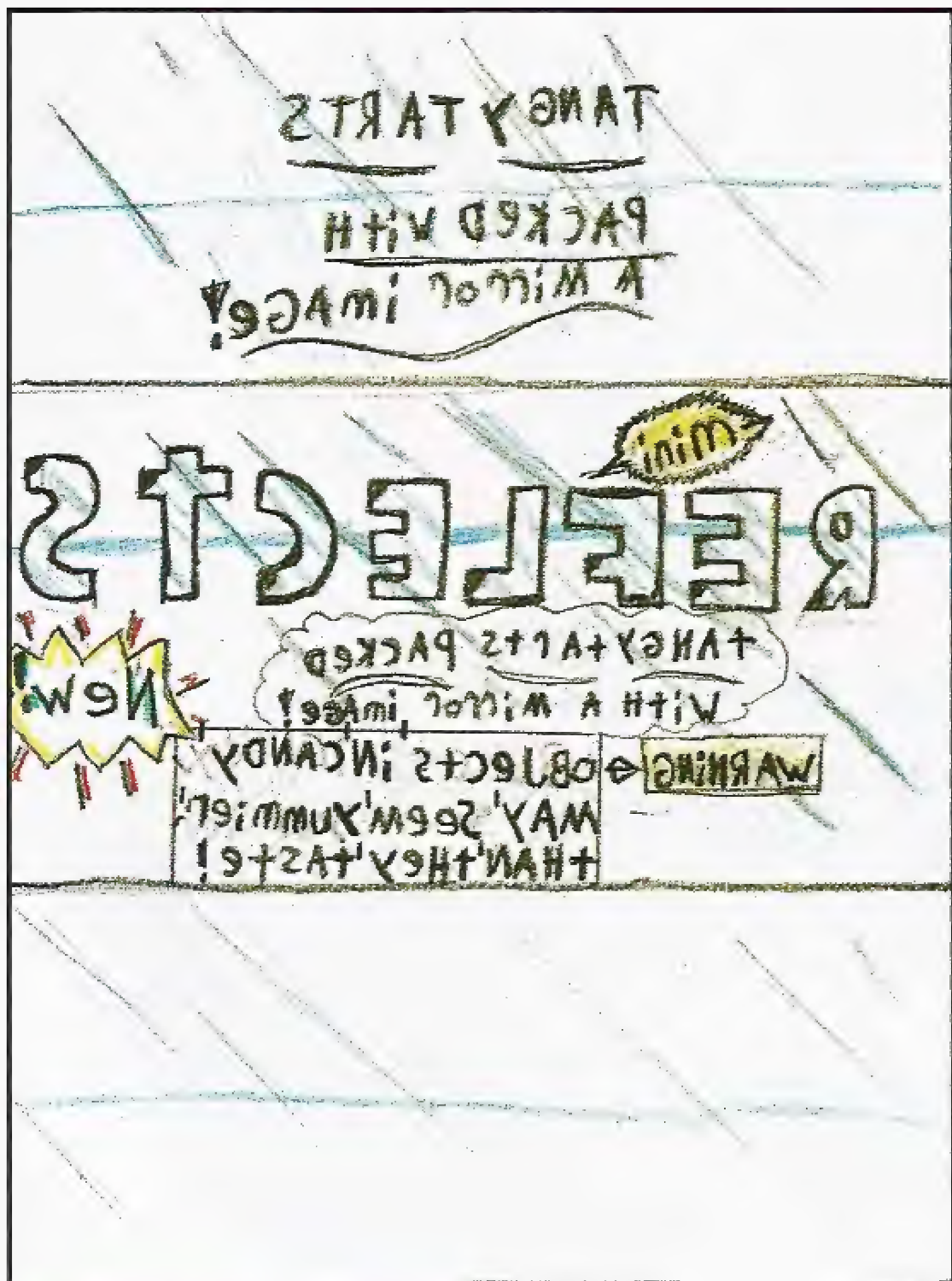
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WHATEVER YOU WANT

Real
Create-a-Candy-Wrapper Contest

In our October 1997 issue we asked you to invent a candy and design a wrapper for it. Here are our contest winners and honorable mentions.



Mini Reflects
 Chad K., age 13
 Colorado Springs, Colorado

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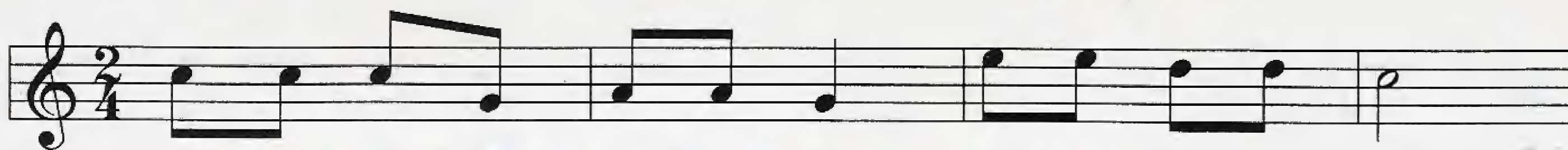


Foot Fun-gus
 Claire F., age 12
 New York, New York

Winners

I.M. Boring's Zzzaplers
 Matt P., age 13
 Plymouth, New Hampshire

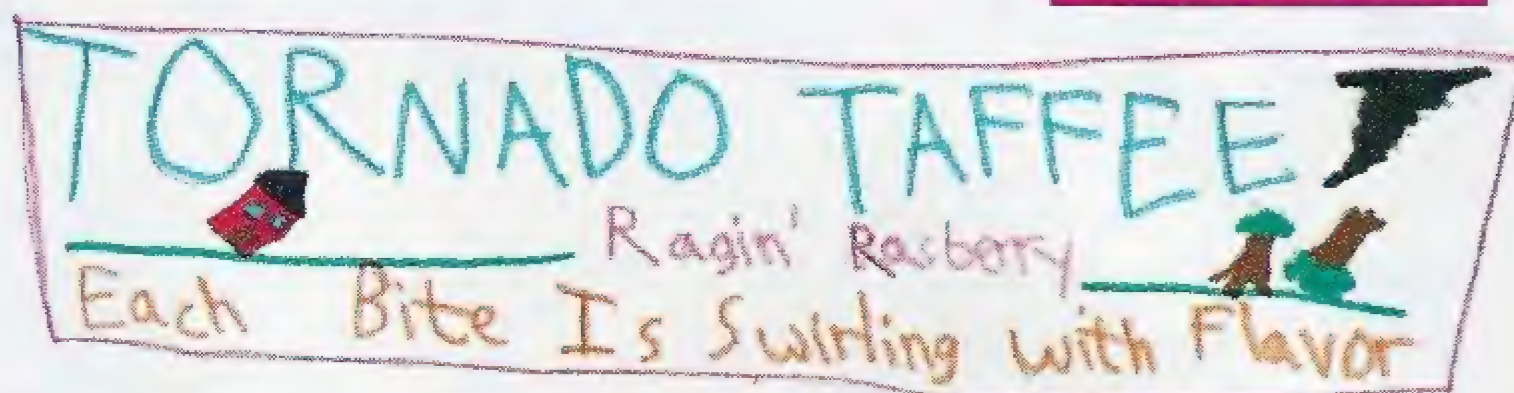




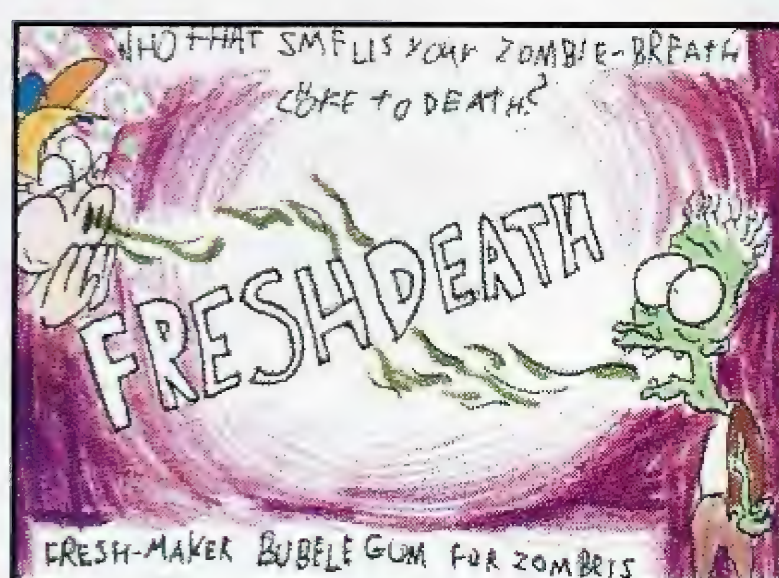
More **WHATEVER YOU WANT**

Tornado Taffee
Andrew S., age 12
Manton, Minnesota

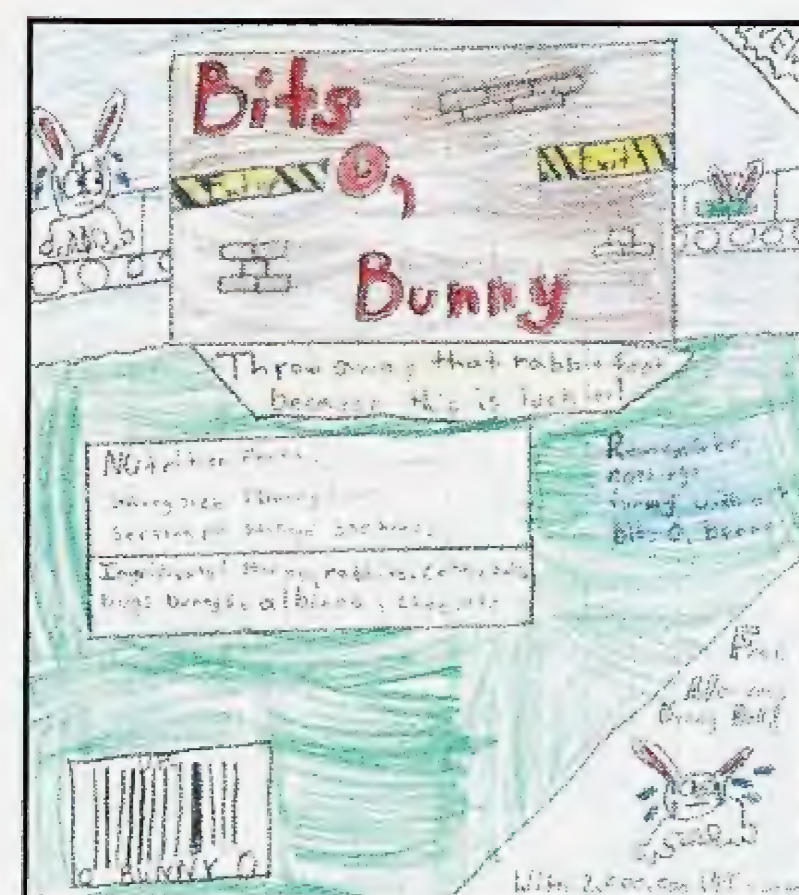
Honorable Mentions



Meat Tarts
Sam W., age 12
Snowmass Village, Colorado

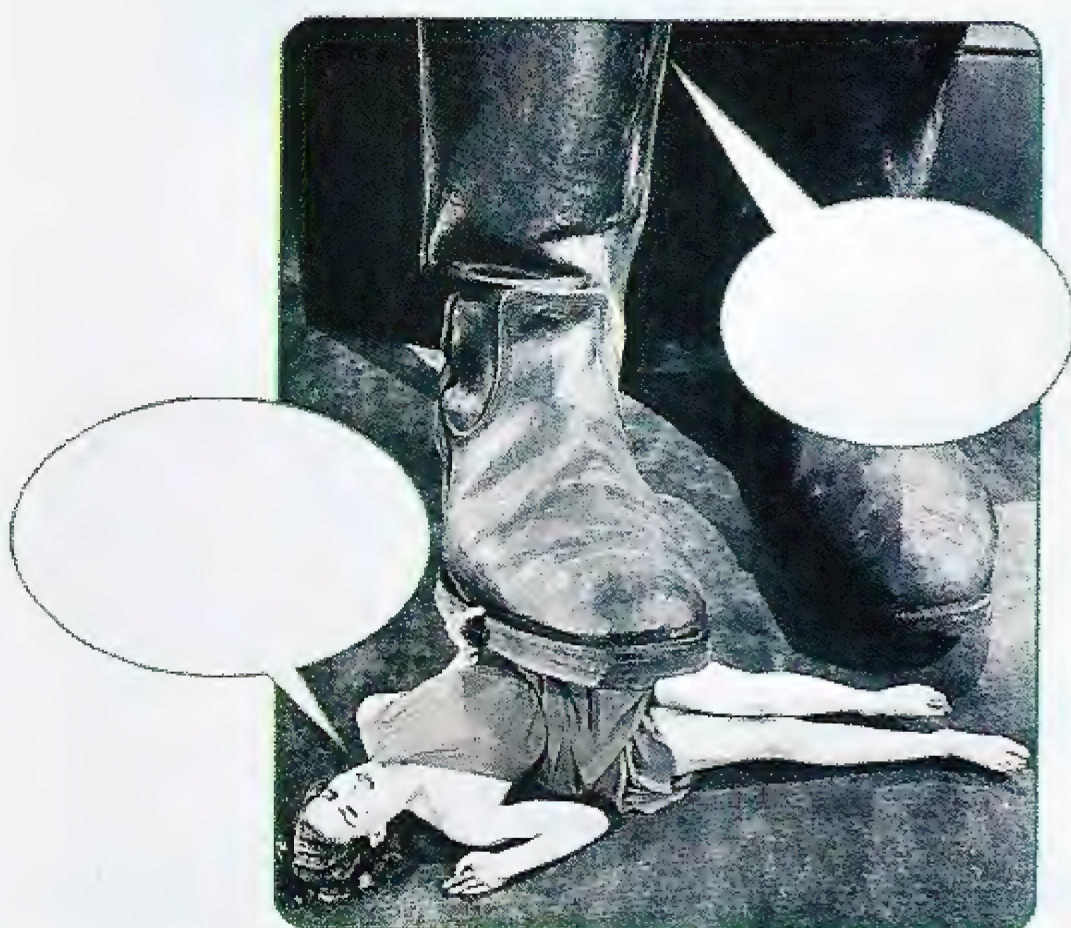


Fresh Death
Amir A.
New York, New York



Bits O'Bunny
Megan P., age 11
Oxnard, California

Thanks for all your entries.
They were the sweetest ones ever.



Say What? from the October 1997 issue.

We think she should give this guy the boot.

Boot: Honey, I shrunk the kids!
Woman: It wasn't *just* the kids, dear.
Valerie B., age 12
Teaneck, New Jersey

Boot: I have a big crush on you, darling.
Woman: Couldn't you just send flowers like everyone else?
Samantha W., age 8
Yorktown Heights, New York

Woman: I thought you said you would always love me!
Boot: That was before you fell into the dryer.
Nicole D., age 11
Northridge, California

Woman: Paul Bunyan, you're a terrible dancer.
Boot: I told you I had two left feet.
Samantha D., age 11
Somerset, California

Woman: Hey, I'm not your stepping stone!
Boot: Lady, one of these days these boots are gonna walk all over you!
Jennifer W., age 14
Wellington, Florida

Boot: I have a crush on you.
Woman: I'm flattered.
Allyson S., age 11
Kendall Park, New Jersey

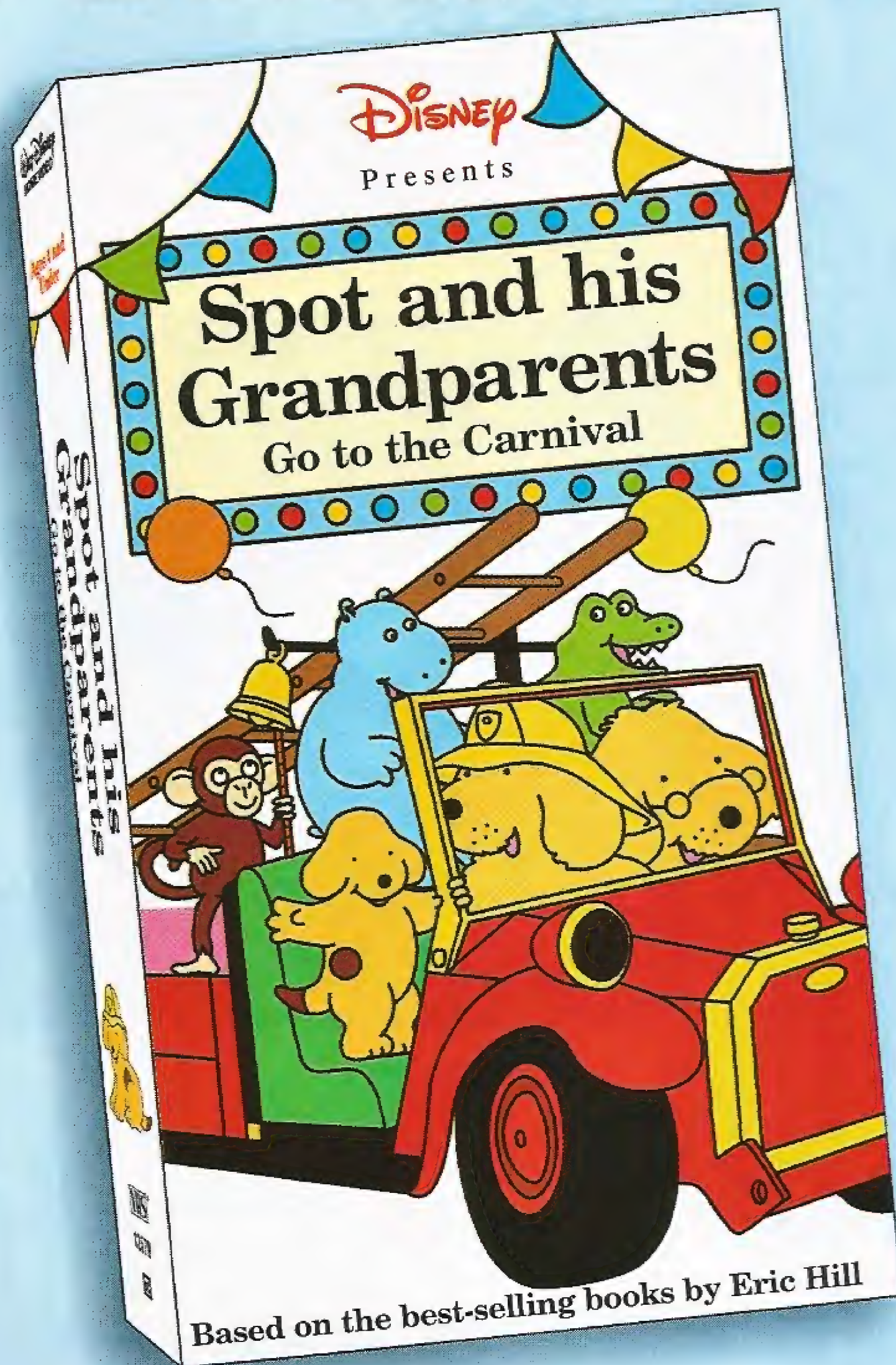
Boot: I don't love you anymore.
Woman: I'm crushed.
Jess K., age 11
Walnutport, Pennsylvania



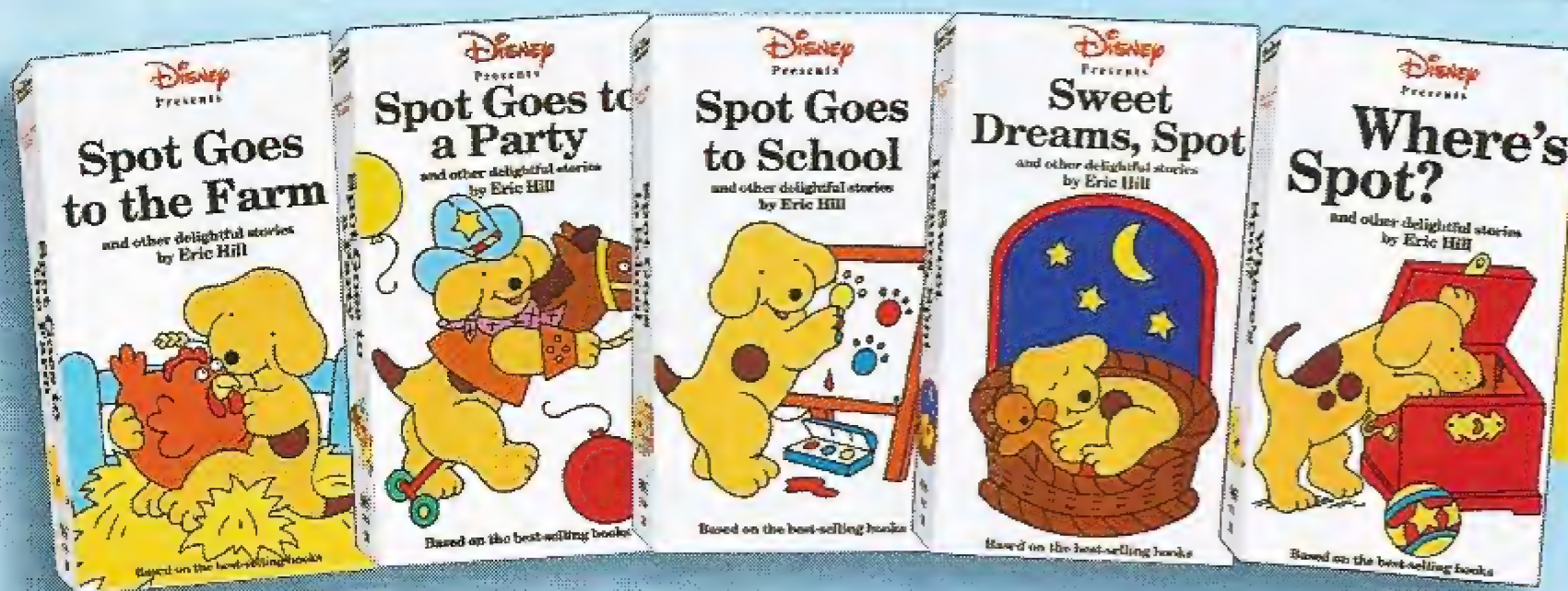
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Playing Around

You know these Nickelodeon TV stars can act. But can they play a musical instrument? We tuned in and found out.



IVORY TICKLERS

Summer Sanders of *Figure It Out*: Played piano

"I wasn't the best at it. Even my dad laughed at me during the recital, because I messed up too many times. My piano career lasted only a couple of months."

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Larisa Oleynik of *The Secret World of Alex Mack*: Played piano

"I practiced only about five minutes a day. Watching Fiona Apple, though, makes me wish I still played piano. But I want to learn the trumpet now."

Darris Love of *The Secret World of Alex Mack*: Plays piano

"I'm also into playing electronic music on keyboards and drums."

*The Voice
Is Yours*

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Can you sing the national anthem?

AMANDA BYNES (below) of *All That*:

Not at all! My voice would sound like [strangled noise].





HIGH STRUNG

Danny Tamberelli (at left, in red shirt, with Presleysa Edwards) of Figure It Out and All That: Plays bass guitar

"I've been playing in a band for four years. I practice all the time."

Erin Dean of The Journey of Allen Strange: Plays bass guitar

"About two years ago, a friend asked me to play the bass in his band. I didn't know how, so he taught me. If you gave me a sheet of music now, I couldn't play it. But if you showed me on the bass, I could learn it really quickly."

Kenan Thompson of Kenan and Kel and All That: Plays air guitar

"I play air guitar in the shower. I sing by myself, too. I'll also play it now and then [out of the shower]—when I hear a good song."

MULTITALENTED

Leon Frierson of All That: Plays trumpet and piano

"My mom made me learn the piano, and I've been playing that for about five years. But I always thought the trumpet was really cool, because all my friends used to play it in school. So I just started to play. I practice the piano about once a week, but I play the trumpet every day."

Christy Knowings of All That: Played trumpet; plays piano

"I had a really short trumpet career. I practiced only once a week—to spare my mother's ears. But I like to play 'Heart and Soul' on the piano with my brother. I play the right side."

Shane Sweet (at left, in green shirt) of The Journey of Allen Strange: Plays guitar, drums, mandolin, keyboard, piano, and bass

"We have a lot of musical instruments at home, and I'd just pick them up and learn how to play them by doing my own stuff. My favorite instrument to play is the guitar. My friends and I play together off and on, but I'm mostly a one-man band."

PASS THE DRUMSTICKS

Arjay Smith (at left, in white shirt) of The Journey of Allen Strange: Plays drums

"I've been playing since the fourth grade, but I haven't really practiced much lately. Lots of times I'll just play with pencils. I used to be in my school band, Animal Crackers, and pretty soon I'm gonna get back into it."



LEON FRIERSON of All That:

We once had a contest at my friend's party to see who could sing a whole bunch of songs. When we got to the national anthem, all the other kids sang it, except me. My mind went blank in the middle.



ERIN DEAN (above) of The Journey of Allen Strange: I don't know the words.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Have you ever sung in public?

CHRISTY KNOWINGS of All That:

Yep. We have family night where we have to sing in front of one another. My brother writes a script, and we perform it. My favorite thing to sing is the Fugees' "Killing Me Softly."

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:

Does every good boy do fine?

LORI BETH DENBERG (below) of

All That: That would depend on the boy and whether or not he is in tune.



HEY, HERB!

Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Herb Scannell, anything you want.

Many readers have asked Herb whether he likes music...

Did you ever want to be on the radio when you grew up?

I was a DJ at my college radio station, but I wasn't very good. I liked picking out which songs to play, but I didn't like hearing my voice on the air.

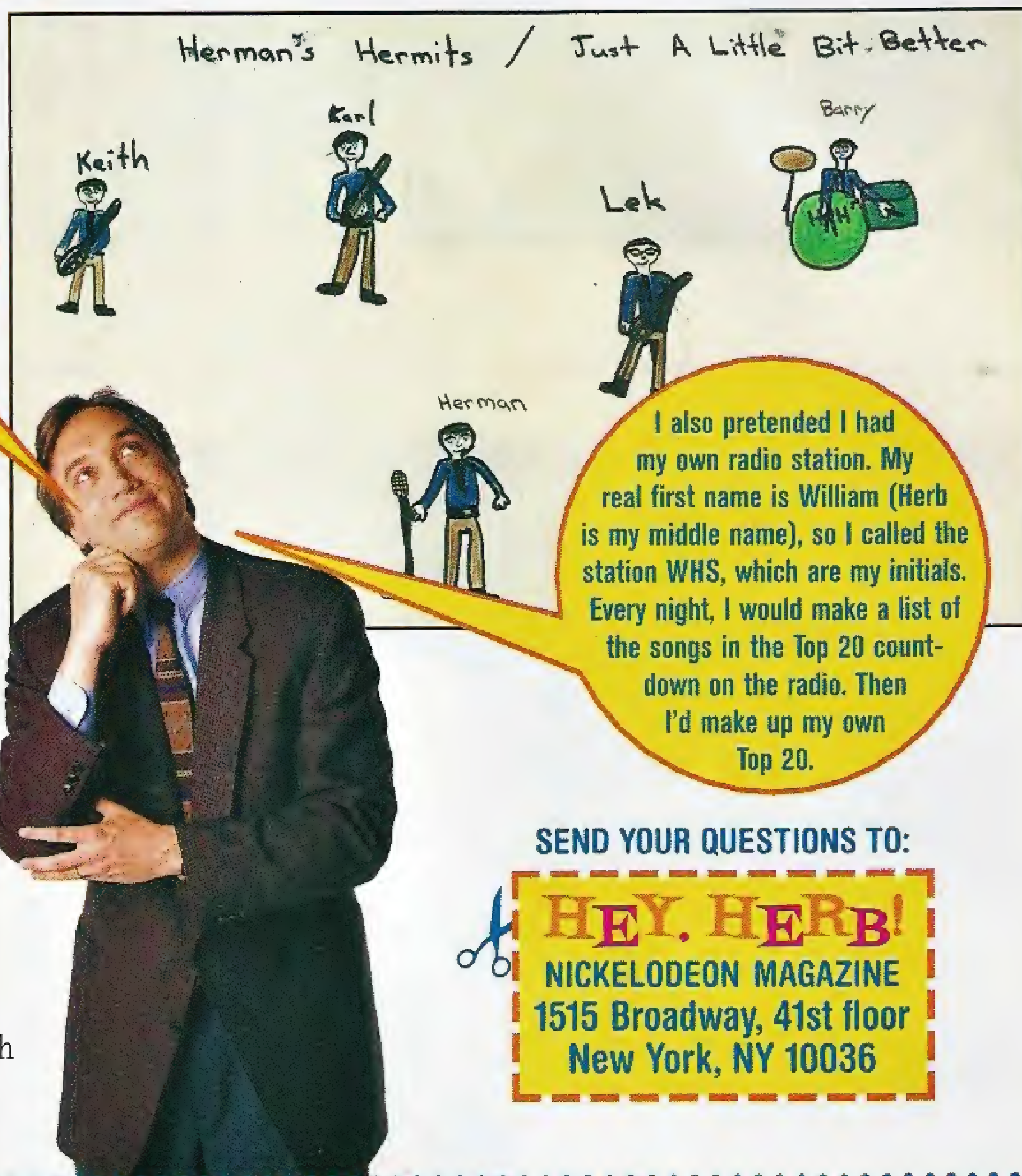
What's your favorite band?

I like all kinds of music, but my all-time favorite band is Parliament. They were a '70s R&B funk band. I also like the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. And I love this one kooky band from the '80s called Devo. One of the guys from Devo writes the music for *Rugrats* now.

Did you play any instruments as a kid?

I never really learned any. I had asthma, so my mother wouldn't let me play a woodwind, such as the clarinet or saxophone. And I didn't want to play the piano, because my older brother was tortured with piano lessons. But I could play a mean tambourine.

I've been a big music fan since I was a kid. I drew this picture of the band Herman's Hermits when I was eight years old.



I also pretended I had my own radio station. My real first name is William (Herb is my middle name), so I called the station WHS, which are my initials. Every night, I would make a list of the songs in the Top 20 countdown on the radio. Then I'd make up my own Top 20.

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What's New on Nick

by Erica Pass

Nevada, in the *Rugrats* special "Vacation," airing **Tuesday, March 3, at 8 PM**.

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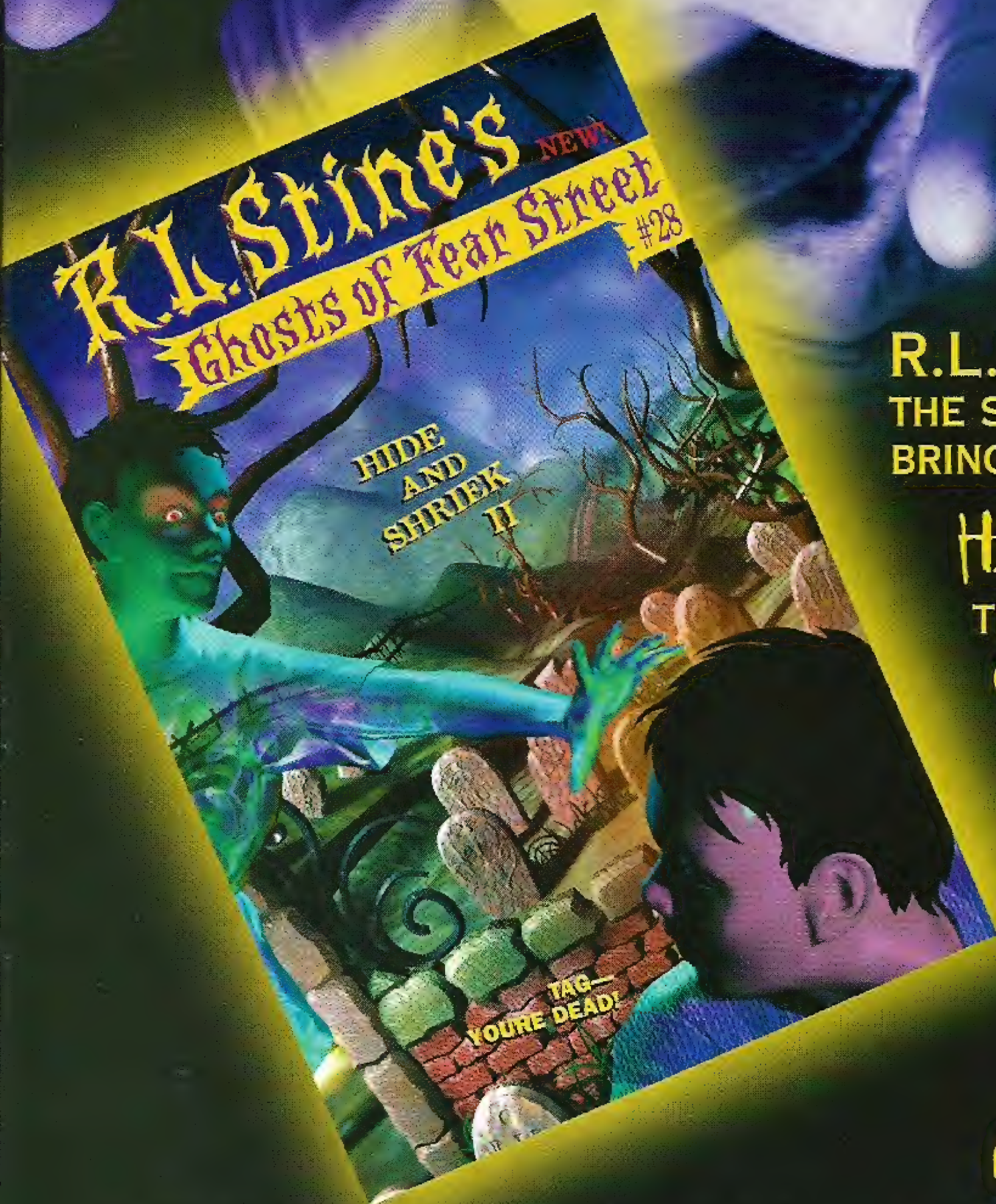
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by David Lewman

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What does Jewel sing to her coat hangers?

"You were bent for me."

Which rapper is great to take along when you're golfing?

Puff Caddie.

Which music group features singing bullies?

Boyz Too Mean.

I like Pups II Dogs.



Which band loves cookies?

Crumbawamba.

If Beck and Sheryl Crow started a band, what would it be called?

Beak.

Which rock band is every pig's favorite?

Fleetwood Muck.

What do you call a group of musical pigs?

A porkestra.

How did the note escape from the sheet music?

It slipped out through the bars.

Why did Peter agree to buy a broken violin?

Because there were no strings attached.

Why couldn't Peggy hear music over her phone?

Because it was a chordless phone.

Which vegetable is the most rhythmic?

The beet.

What should you feed your trum-pet?

A trom-bone.



March

Real

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 National Women's History Month begins	2 National Procrastination Week begins Oh, let's just celebrate it next week.	3 Her-storic Fact #1: Female athlete Babe Didrikson pitched a full inning for the Philadelphia Athletics against the Brooklyn Dodgers in March 1934.	4 	5 	6 Michelangelo, artist and poet, born, 1475 Let your fingers do the creating.	7 Iditarod Sled Dog Race begins in Anchorage, Alaska Don't get all mush-y on me.
8 Her-storic Fact #2: In 1872, Victoria Woodhull became the first woman to run for president of the United States.	9 	10 The U.S. Treasury Department issues the first paper money in the country, 1862 The first buck was passed.	11 	12 Jack Kerouac, author of <i>On the Road</i> , born, 1922 His parents told him, "Hit the road, Jack!"	13 Her-storic Fact #3: In 1905, Bertha von Suttner of Austria became the first woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize.	14 Moth-Er Day (celebrating moth experts) Is there a Moth Ball tonight?
15 Julius Caesar, Roman statesman, assassinated, 44 BC Maybe he et tu much that day.	16 	17 Nat "King" Cole, singer and pianist, born, 1919 Unforgettable.	18 	19 Wyatt Earp, Old West lawman, born, 1848 His mother burped Earp.	20 National Agriculture Day This day could grow on us. <i>First day of spring</i>	21 Johann Sebastian Bach, composer, born, 1685 Bach around the clock tonight.
22 Prepare your acceptance speech for tomorrow.	23 Academy Awards presentation held tonight <i>I don't have a speech planned. But I'd like to thank my agent, my manager, my producer, my director, my co-stars, my personal trainer...</i>	24 <i>...and I'd also like to thank my next-door neighbor, my third-grade teacher, my paperboy, my pet canary, my canary's agent...</i>	25 Pecan Day Go nuts.	26 	27 Her-storic Fact #4: Women won all five of the gold medals awarded to Americans in the 1992 Winter Olympics.	28 
29 Straw Hat Week begins This is the last straw hat!	30 This game show premiered this day in 1964. What is Jeopardy!?	31 	32 	33 Her-storic Fact #5: In 1940, Hattie McDaniel became the first African-American woman to win an Academy Award, for <i>Gone With the Wind</i> .		

Answers

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Name That Tune (page 6): The tune on the left-hand pages is the first few bars of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm." The one on the right-hand pages is from the "Farmer in the Dell."

Face the Music (page 9): (left to right, top to bottom): Beck, Brandy, LL Cool J, Jewel.

Hidden Horns of Plenty (page 16): 3-fantastic on garden=conga; 4-and rump=drum; 5-har, Monica=harmonica; 6-violation=viola; 7-bonbon. Go=bongo; 8-sit around=sitar; 9-pi. An older=piano; 10-sharp=harp; 11-bag? Pip Evans=bagpipe; 12-tub and=tuba; 13-flu? Tell me=flute; 14-topic. Colors=piccolo; 15-There, minutes=theremin; 16=accord. I only=accordion; 17-roast rump, et=trumpet; 18-cellophane=cello.

Get It Together (page 18-9): Fleetwood Splat: Ai-yi-yi-ah, Sheryl Pigeon, Paul McFartney, and Charlie Warts. **Mumbajumba:** Janet Traction, The Hedge, Flu, and Lards Ulrich. **Green Dog:** Mick Swagger, Teeth Richards, Stink, and Ringo Starch.

This Orchestra Is the Pits (page 32-3): The orchestral mistakes are as follows:
TOP ROW (left to right) 1. The timpanist (drummer) is using chicken pieces as mallets. 2. There's a rubber duck swimming in one of the drums. 3. The cymbal player is holding a garbage-can lid. 4. The xylophonist is holding a lollipop. 5. The trombone is wrapped around the neck of the woman in front. 6. The tuba's mouthpiece isn't connected to the tuba. **SECOND ROW (left to right)** 7. The harpist is putting her arm through the strings. 8. There are bubbles coming from one of the bassoons. 9. The oboist is charming a snake. 10. The next person is using a telescope. 11. The first bassist is playing with mittens on his hands. 12. The next bass has no strings. 13. The next bassist is eating his bass. **THIRD ROW (left to right)** 14. There is a bunch of fruit in the French horn. 15. There are three hands on the first flute. 16. The next flute goes through the head of the first flutist. 17. The next flutist is playing a plumber's pipe. 18. The oboist is watching TV. 19. The TV-watching oboist is wearing two bow ties. 20. The first cellist is running his bow across a man's forehead. 21. The next cellist has two heads. 22. The top of the next cello is a tennis racket. **FOURTH ROW (left to right)** 23. The male violinist on the far left is not wearing clothes. 24. The violinist next to the naked man is painting a picture. 25. The next violinist is standing in a hole. 26. The next violinist is sawing her violin. **FIFTH ROW (left to right)** 27. The first female violinist is playing a guitar. 28. The shoe of the next violinist is part boot and part sandal. 29. The next violinist has no chair. 30. The conductor is using a pencil as a baton. 31. The conductor is wearing in-line skates. 32. The first man playing the viola has a cat toy on his bow. 33. The next viola player is listening to a CD. 34. The viola player at far right is asleep.

Funky & Miriam (page 36): The correct definition of *rapscallion* is #3, "a rascal; a dishonest or mischievous person."

In the Mood (page 43): 1-F, 2-E, 3-A, 4-G, 5-C, 6-D, 7-B.

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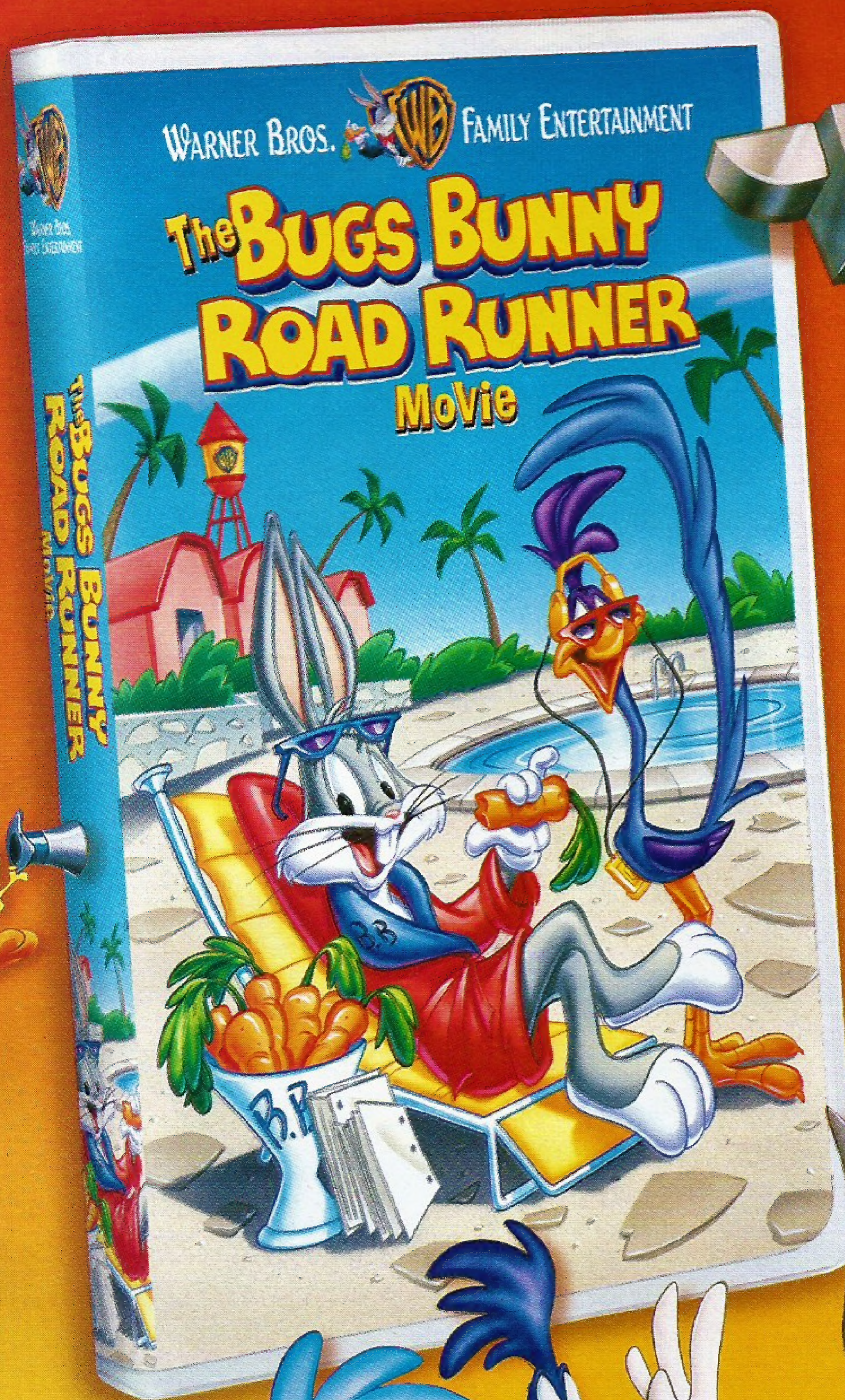


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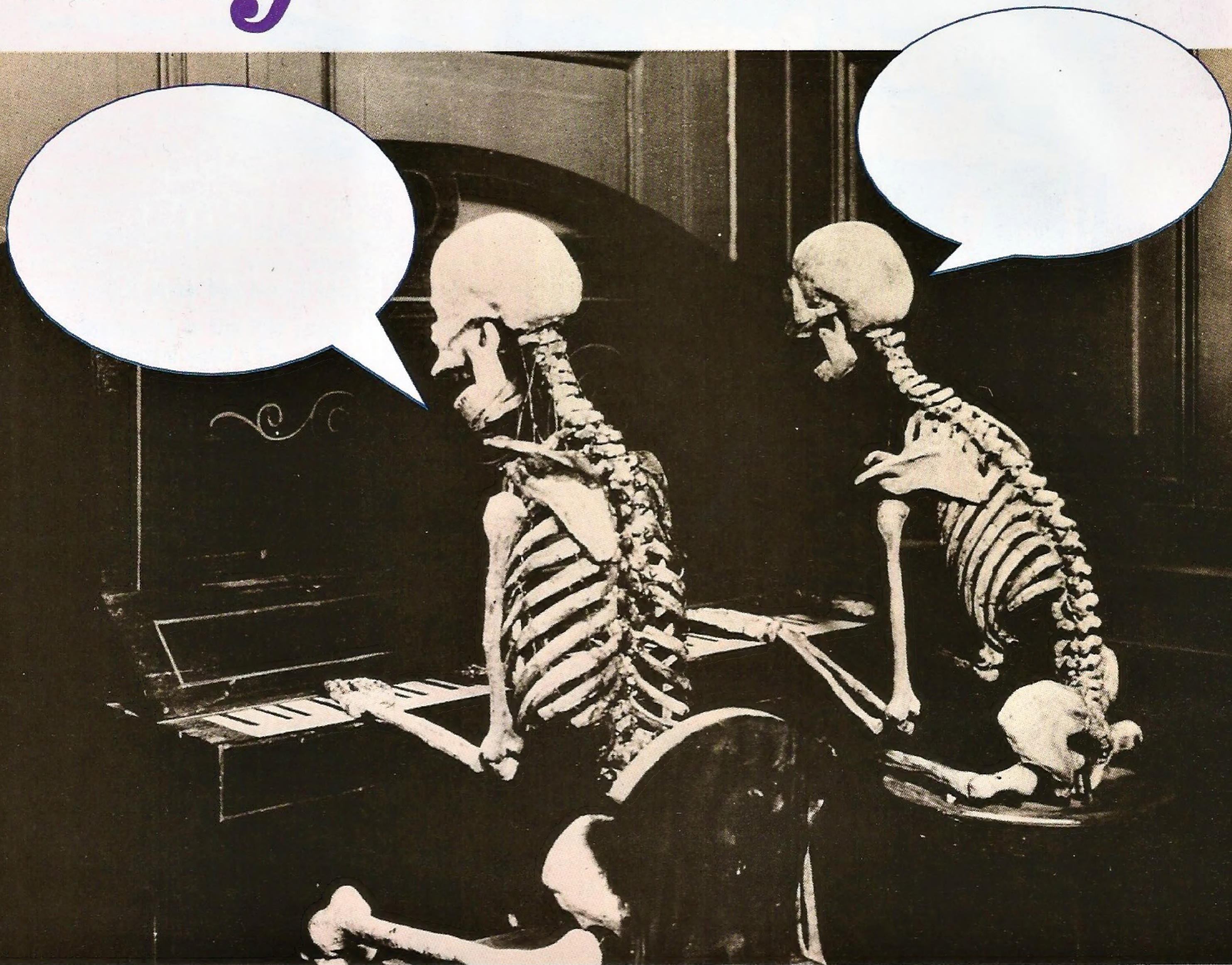
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